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OF

SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN

THE METHODIST PREACHERS

IN THE CONNEXION ESTABLISHED BY

THE LATE REV. JOHN WESLEY, A.M.,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

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MINUTES.

Question 1.

What Preachers are this year received into *full connexion* with the Conference?

A.—James Donald, Robert J. Meyer,
David Robinson, James Black.
Thomas K. Whitaker,

Q. 2.—What Preachers *remain on trial?**

A.—William J. Norwood, John Donald,
John Walker, Gibson M'Millen,
Robert Bell, Robert Hewitt.
John H. Atkins,

These have travelled *three years.*

John H. Boyd, James M'Kee.
William Brown,

These have travelled *two years.*

John Duncan, James S. Waugh,
Joseph W. M'Kay, Robert Jones,
Andrew Huston, John Gilbert,
John Hay, Robert Devers,
Thomas Orbison, Edward Keating Young.
William Hoey, 2nd.

These have travelled *one year.*

Q. 3.—What Preachers are now *received on trial?*

A.—Robert George B. Cather, William Gibson,
Thomas Ham, Wallace M'Mullen,
John Oliver, John Bagley.
Anklett Matthew Henderson,

* Brother Henry Johnston, is permitted to retire for this year, on account of family arrangements. He is however, to attend Enniscorthy and Carnew, alternately on the Sabbath day.

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Q. 4. What Preachers have *died* since last Conference?

A. (1.) MICHAEL MURPHY. He was a native of Gorey, in the County of Wexford. When about twenty years of age he removed to Dublin, and was then living without God in the world. In the year 1782, he was much alarmed by a sermon he heard preached in one of the churches; and sometime after, his convictions were deepened by a discourse he heard in the street from a gentleman then in connexion with the Methodists. He soon began to attend regularly on their ministry, joined the Society, and attended the morning preaching; but did not obtain the evidence of his adoption into the family of God till the next year, when under the ministry of the truly excellent Rev. JOHN FLETCHER, he was enabled to trust in the atonement of Christ, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Being happy in his own soul, he soon began to call sinners to repentance; and was made useful in some of the places that he visited. In 1788, he was appointed to the Athlone Circuit, and continued to travel and labour, with acceptance and success, till 1818, when from increasing infirmities he had to become a supernumerary. He settled first in Roscrea, but subsequently removed to Dublin. He was a useful preacher; his manner was warm and affectionate; his piety sincere and uniform; his conversation animated and devout. He loved the means of grace, and continued to meet a class and preach frequently, 'till a short time before his death; and had he known to rule his own house, he would have been much honoured by the church of God. His last illness was but of short duration and he joyfully finished his earthly course, July 28th, 1840, aged 80 years.

(2.) JOHN WILSON,—who became a partaker of the grace of life, by faith in Christ, at an early age. For sixty years he had been a member of the Methodist Society. His state of health did not allow him to continue more than fifteen years in the itinerant work; but for twenty-three years, during which he remained *a supernumerary*, he preached as his health permitted,

to the profit of many. He formed several classes in his own neighbourhood, to some of which he was much attached; and to the last, earnestly desired and prayed for their spiritual prosperity. His sufferings, were for many months uninterrupted and intense, but he was kept in perfect peace, and calmly fell asleep in Jesus, in the 74th year of his age, and the 38th of his ministry, at Mullahead, near Tandragee, on the 13th December, 1840, in full assurance of faith and hope.

Q. 5.—Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?

A.—They were examined one by one.

Q. 6.—Who has desisted from travelling?

A.—Thomas Beamish, who has voluntarily retired from our itinerant work.

Q. 7.—How are our Preachers stationed for the ensuing year?

A.—As follows, viz.:—

I.—THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin*,	Thomas Waugh, Henry Price, George Vance, Robinson Scott; William Ferguson, James Bell, Archibald Campbell, *Supernumeraries.*
2	*Kingstown*,	William Stewart; George M'Ilwain, *Supernumerary.*
3	*Drogheda*,	William Crook, William A. Darby.
4	*Dundalk*,	James Patterson.
5	*Wicklow*,	Samuel Downing, Robert J. Meyer.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

II.—THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6	*Waterford*,	Robert Bruce, George Grant; Henry Deery, who resides in Cashel, John Harrington, *Supernumeraries.*

7	*Carlow*,	Thomas Lougheed, Henry Giles; Robert Banks, *Supernumerary*.
8	*Newtownbarry*,	Samuel Kyle, Hugh Moore.
9	*Wexford*,	Robert Jessop, Robert Devers.

ROBERT BRUCE, *Chairman of the District.*

III.—THE CORK DISTRICT.

10	*Cork*,	Fossey Tackaberry, John Greer; Daniel Pedlow, Joshua Harman, *Supernumeraries*.
	Cove,	John Nash.
11	*Bandon*,	James B. Gillman, Robert Black, William J. Norwood; Andrew Hamilton, who resides at Clonakilty, *Supernumerary*.
12	*Skibbereen*,	John Hadden, Thomas K. Whitaker
13	*Tralee*,	John Liddy, David Robinson.

JOHN HADDEN, *Chairman of the District.*

IV.—THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

14	*Limerick*,	John F. Mathews, William P. Appelbe.
15	*Roscrea*,	William Cather, John Walker; Patrick French, *Supernumerary*.
16	*Cloghjordan*,	William M'Garvey. Letters to be directed to Burrisokane.

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Chairman of the District.*

V.—THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

17	*Tullamore*,	William Richey, William Starkey.
18	*Athlone*,	Francis Stephens; Archibald Murdoch, *Supernumerary*.
19	*Maryborough and Mountrath*	James Hughes, John H. Boyd; Thomas Kerr, who resides at Abbeyleix, *Supernumerary*.
20	*Longford*,	George Burrows, Richard Phillips; John Rogers, Richard Price, *Supernumeraries*.

GEORGE BURROWS, *Chairman of the District.*

VI.—THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

21	*Sligo*,	John Nelson, John Hay; Thomas W. Doolittle, *Supernumerary*.
22	*Castlebar*,	James Murdoch, John Donald.
23	*Ballina*,	Richard T. Tracy, John Duncan.
24	*Boyle*,	William Burnside.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

VII.—THE CLONES DISTRICT.

25	*Clones*,	Edward M. Banks, James Black; James Rutledge, *Supernumerary*.
26	*Killesandra*,	John Foster, John Gilbert.
27	*Castleblaney & Monaghan*,	John Waugh, Thomas Orbison.
28	*Aughnacloy*,	James Johnston, James S. Waugh.

JAMES JOHNSTON, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII.—THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

29	*Enniskillen*,	William Lupton, John B. Bennett; Robert Crozier, *Supernumerary*.
30	*Brookborough*,	John Jebb, John Hughes; Samuel Cowdy, *Supernumerary*.
31	*Manorhamilton*,	Robert Bamford, Andrew Huston.
32	*Lowtherstown*,	William Mulloy, John Oliver; William Douglas, *Supernumerary*.
33	*Pettigo and Ballyshannon*	James C. Pratt, Robert Hamilton; John Nesbitt, James M'Cutcheon John C. Irvine, *Supernumeraries*.

WILLIAM LUPTON, *Chairman of the District.*

IX.—THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

34	*Londonderry*,	Thomas Meredith, Gibson M'Millen,
35	*Strabane*,	Edward Harpur, William Brown; Charles M'Cord, William Finley, *Supernumeraries*.
36	*Omagh*,	Robert Beauchamp, William Gibson; Robert Carson, *Supernumerary*.

THOMAS MEREDITH, *Chairman of the District.*

X.—THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

37 *Belfast, South, Donegal Sq. &c.* — Frederick P. Le Maitre, Edward K. Young; Matthew Tobias, Thomas Brown, *Supernumeraries.*

38 *Belfast, North, Frederick St. &c* — Daniel M'Afee, John H. Atkins; Thomas Ridgeway, *Supernumerary.*

39 *Ballyclare,* — Henry Geddes, who shall change one Sabbath in every month with the Preachers at Carrickfergus, alternately.

40 *Donaghadee,* — William Foote, James Donald; Samuel Wood, Matthew Lanktree; *Supernumeraries.*

41 *Carrickfergus,* — Claudius Byrne, James Kennedy; Mich^{l}. Burrows, *Supernumerary.*

42 *Coleraine,* — John Carey, Joseph W. M'Kay; William Kidd, *Supernumerary.*

43 *Magherafelt,* — Nathaniel Hobart, John Campbell,
N.B.—Brother Campbell is to reside at Cookstown.

44 *Lisburn,* — Robert Masaroon, James M'Kee.

45 *Downpatrick,* — Thomas Ballard.

ROBERT MASAROON, *Chairman of the District.*

XI.—THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

46 *Newry,* — John Saul, Robert Wallace; William Hamilton, *Supernumerary.*

47 *Dungannon,* — Edward Johnston, William Hoey, 1st; William Armstrong, *Supernumerary.*

48 *Armagh,* — John Holmes, Robert Jones; Edward Hazleton, *Supernumerary.*

49 *Lurgan,* — John Armstrong, John S. Wilson.

50 *Moira and Dromore,* — John Hill, Edward Cobain, who resides at Moira; James Carter, David Waugh, *Supernumeraries.*

51 *Tandragee,* — James Tobias, Thomas Ham.

52 *Portadown,* — William Reilly, Robert G. B. Cather

WILLIAM REILLY, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

IN THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Lucan & Trim*, John Feely.

IN THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

2 *Kilkenny and Tipperary*, Robert Huston, Wallace M'Mullen.

IN THE CORK DISTRICT.

3 *Youghal*, James Sullivan.
4 *Fermoy and Mallow*, James Henry.
5 *Kinsale & De Courcy Country*, John Bagley.
6 *Kerry*, William Cornwall.

IN THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

7 *Killaloe, Ennis & Kilrush*, Robert H. Lindsay, William Hoey, 2nd; Charles M'Cormick, John Williams, *Supernumeraries*.

IN THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

8 *Galway*, William G. Campbell, Robert Hewitt.
9 *Ballinasloe*, Samuel M'Dowell.

IN THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

10 *Barony of Erris*, Robert Bell.

IN THE CLONES DISTRICT.

11 *Cavan*, Arthur Noble, John Farrell. Letters to be directed to Belturbet.
12 *Bailieboro'* William Guard.

IN THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

13 *Donegal*, Benjamin Bayly, Anklett Matthew Henderson.

IN THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

14 *Ramelton, Letterkenny & Stranorlar*, Jeremiah Wilson.
15 *Newtownlimavady*, James Olliffe.

IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT

16 *Ballymena & Antrim*, William Keys.
17 *Ballycastle*, Thomas Hickey.
18 *Comber*, James Lynch.

Q. 8.—What is the Number of Members in our Society?

A.—Twenty-seven Thousand, Two Hundred, and Sixty-eight, being an increase of 221.

The emigrations from our Society, during the past year, have amounted to Nine Hundred and Seventy-four.

Q. 9.—What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A.—Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds, Eleven Shillings, and Three Pence; and Twenty-nine Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, and Seven Pence.

N.B.—Any decrease in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year, shall be considered a deficiency in the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 10.—What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A.—Two Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds, Two Shillings, and Two Pence.

Q. 11.—What is the amount of the Collection towards the Education of the Preachers' Children?

A.—Three Hundred and Fifty-six Pounds, One Shilling, and Eight Pence.

Q. 12.—What is the amount of the Chapel Fund Collection?

A.—Four Hundred and Forty-three Pounds, Four Shillings, and Seven Pence.

When the Chapel Fund was first instituted, it was hoped that the Public Collections, together with the Subscriptions in the Classes, should amount to a sum equal, on the average, to One Penny per Month, for every member in Society. But from a comparison of the number of Members with the annual amount of Income, it obviously appears that it has fallen far short of this reasonable expectation; for whilst a few of the Circuits, by a gradual improvement, have met, or nearly met, their full proportion, most of them have done comparatively little, notwithstanding their exemption from applications for the Building or relief of Chapels, beyond the limits of their own Circuits. It is, therefore, recommended, that, in future, no Circuit shall be exempted from such applications, unless it raise annually, at least, one half the sum required by *the original* Rule of the Institution. Even such an in-

crease would greatly augment the good already effected by means of the Chapel Fund.

☞ To this notification the Conference earnestly request particular attention.

Q. 13.—What is the amount of the Missionary Collection?

A.—Five Thousand and Sixty-eight Pounds, Seven Shillings, and Six Pence.

Q. 14.—How many Wives and Children are to be provided for this year, and what is the amount expected from the Circuits to assist the increased allowance to the Superannuated Preachers and Widows.

A.—Sixty-five Wives, One Hundred and Forty-five Children for maintenance, and Seventy-seven Children for Education, and Three Hundred and Four Pounds, Nineteen Shillings, and Three Pence for the Superannuated Preachers and Widows.

Q. 15.—How is this provision to be made?

A.—By the respective Districts, aided by grants from the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz:

DISTRICT.	Number in Society,	Amount for Support of Wives, maintenance and Education of Children &c			Grant from Contingent Fund.	
		£	s.	d.	£	s.
1, Dublin, ...	2004	208	15	0	131	0
2, Waterford, . .	1283	133	12	11	141	0
3, Cork, ...	1969	205	2	1	113	0
4, Limerick, . . .	955	99	9	7	76	0
5, Tullamore, . . .	1133	118	0	5	138	0
6, Sligo, ...	1144	119	3	4	99	0
7, Clones, ...	1873	195	2	1	195	0
8, Enniskillen, . .	4003	416	19	7	336	0
9, Londonderry, . .	1631	169	17	11	171	0
10, Belfast, . . .	4071	424	1	3	271	0
11, Newry, ...	4331	451	2	11	329	0
	24397*	2541	7	1	2000	0

* The above is the number of Members in the regular Circuits, exclusive of those on the Mission Stations.

In consequence of certain arrangements made during Conference, the number of Members now in Society, on the following Circuits, is as follows, viz.:—Dublin, 1264; Kingstown, 65; Dundalk, 122; Tralee, 173; Castleblaney, &c. 527; Enniskillen, 834; Manorhamilton, 740; Lowtherstown, 1010; Killesandra, 396; Belfast South, 595; Belfast North, 697; Carrickfergus, 304; Magherafelt, 663; Dungannon, 545; Newry, 292; and the Kerry Mission, 37.

The sum of Two Thousand Pounds is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1842, which has been divided among the respective Districts according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting their demands; which arrangement shall be decisive for the year.

N. B. The sum of £35 13 9, will be expected from 2855 Members on the Mission Stations, being their proportion towards the new arrangements for Superannuated Preachers and Widows.

Q. 16. Who are the Building Committee without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no Chapel or Preacher's dwelling, whether large or small, is to be erected, altered, purchased or enlarged, during the year?

A. William Stewart, William Ferguson, Thomas Waugh, Henry Price, with Messrs. A. Williams, D. F. Foulkes, and Isaac Farrell.

☞ All Letters on this subject to be directed to the Rev. William Ferguson, Sec., 34, Camden Street, and to be Pre-paid.

N. B.—Although the Conference is desirous of encouraging every prudent effort to promote suitable Chapel accommodation and dwellings for the families of the Preachers; yet in order to prevent a recurrence of the embarrassments arising from Building speculations, every Superintendent is solemnly charged to see that the directions contained in the preceding Minute, be strictly attended to; and if he suffer an expenditure on his Circuit of more than £20, for any of the above purposes, or any additional outlay beyond the original contract, without the explicit sanction of the Building Committee previously obtained in writing; for such neglect of official duty, he shall forfeit at least two years of the time he has travelled in the connexion, and be deemed incompetent for the office of Superintendent.

Q. 17. What Chapels are to be built this year, and for which leave has been obtained from the Building Committee?

A. The Centenary Chapel in Dublin, and one at Ballyfarnon, in the Boyle Circuit.

Q. 18. Who are the Committee appointed as Trustees for Testamentary or other Deeds, relating to Donations given for the benefit of the Methodist connexion?

A. William Ferguson, Andrew Hamilton, Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, David *Waugh,* Thomas W. Doolittle, Thomas Waugh,

John F. Mathews—the receipt of any one or more of whom shall be sufficient for any Bequest.

Q. 19. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to review the concerns of our Missions, previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, Henry Price, together with the following thirteen Gentlemen: Edward Robinson, Cork; James Swanton, Skibbereen; John Busteed, Tralee; Thomas Tracy, Limerick; Henry Banks, Carlow; Joseph Higgins, Clonmel; Abraham Briscoe, D. F. Foulkes, Richard Yoakley, Dublin; Frederick Stone, Sligo; Thomas Shillington, Portadown; Joseph Young, Belfast; and William M'Arthur, Londonderry.

N.B.—The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer, the first week in December, March, and June; also, the yearly accounts of the Local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 20.—Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A.—William Stewart, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, James Sullivan, John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee, William Ferguson, Secretary to the Building Committee; together with eleven brethren not Travelling Preachers, one in each District.

Q. 21.—Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of of our several Funds.?

A.—Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, William Reilly, Secretary, of the Contingent Fund; William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masaroon, Secretary, of the Auxiliary Fund, and the Legalized, commonly called the Preachers' Fund.

Q. 22.—How shall the Yearly Collection be made more productive.?

A.—Inasmuch as it will be impossible to make the

necessary grants from the Contingent Fund to the Circuits, unless the Yearly Collection be increased, let every Superintendent be instructed to attend to our established regulation, viz. :—to make personal application himself, or by his colleague, to every individual in all the classes on his Circuit, and that no part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection.

N.B.—Special attention is directed to the address on this subject, printed by order of the Conference.

Q. 23.—What is the determination of Conference respecting the extension of Daily Schools throughout our connexion?

A.—That there shall be formed a Wesleyan Methodist School Society for Ireland, having for its object the extension of Wesleyan Daily Schools throughout Ireland, and that our Members and Friends on each Circuit shall be earnestly solicited to give encouragement to this Institution, and contribute to its support.

The following shall be the Committee :—The President of the Conference, Thomas Waugh, William Stewart, William Ferguson, William Reilly, Robert Masaroon, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, James B. Gillman, together with the following Gentlemen: Arthur Jones, John Power, M. D., Thomas M'Mullen, Christopher Hamilton, Dublin; Thomas Shillington, Portadown; Joseph Young, Belfast; Alexander Lindsay, Londonderry; Edward Robinson, Cork; Henry Belcher, Bandon; the Rev. Walter O. Croggon, and William Maguire of Dublin, Secretaries; Abraham Briscoe of Dublin, Treasurer

Q. 24.—What shall be done to ensure a more correct and regular annual return of the number of members in Society, and the state of our several Circuits and Missions?

A. 1st.—The printed Circuit Schedules shall be filled up at every quarterly visitation of the classes, and forwarded by the Superintendents, pre-paid, to the Chairman of their respective Districts, not later than the last day of the following month.

2nd.—Each Superintendent shall produce a complete

plan of the preaching places on his Circuit, and their distances from each other, at the May District Meeting, that the whole may be brought under special review preparatory to the Conference.

N. B.—The Chairmen of Districts are required to remind all the brethren of these regulations at the Financial District Meeting, and to bring those Schedules and plans with them to the Conference, that they may be forthcoming when called for.

Q. 25.—What are the Regulations of the Conference to young men on trial, and those who may be Candidates for admission into full connexion with our body?

A.—The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a Sermon every year, at their respective District Meetings, during the period of their probation; and the strictest attention shall be paid to the following rules, viz:—

1st.—"The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, all proposed to travel as Preachers amongst us, but also to report distinctly in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings, after such examination, respecting their *health*, *piety*, and *moral character*, ministerial *abilities*, belief of our *doctrines*, attachment to our *discipline*, and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any Candidate, shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may forthwith be copied, if the Conference receive such Candidates upon trial, into the Book provided for that purpose.

2nd.—"The Chairmen of Districts shall at every District Meeting examine every Preacher on trial, respecting the course of Theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District, a list of the Books which he has read since the preceding District Meeting. These lists shall be laid before the Meeting, that the Senior Brethren may have an opportunity of giving the Junior Preachers such advices and directions, respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

3rd.—"Before any Preacher having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admission into full Connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that Meeting, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, *in addition to the other Examinations*, required by our existing Rules; and no Preacher shall be recommended, unless the result of his Examination be satisfactory to the Meeting."

N.B.—The strictest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every Candidate for the Ministry amongst us; as no one can be received as a Preacher into our Connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the Book of God. The attention of the Chairman is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of the District Meetings.

Q. 26.—What does the Conference continue to recommend for the promotion of the work of God in our Societies?

A.—The Conference recommends to all the Preachers increased attention to mental improvement, to read such works as are best calculated to give information on those subjects which are connected with the important work of the Christian ministry; especially to give unremitting attention to the study of the Holy Scriptures, that, as men of God, they may be perfect, throughly furnished to all good works, and in their ministry to preach fully and faithfully all those leading and important doctrines, which God has so graciously owned from the commencement of Methodism.

The Conference earnestly recommends that, as Ministers, we should, in deep humility and unreserved devotion, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to God and his work—that we should attend more faithfully and laboriously than ever, to the preaching of the Word of Life, directing penitents to a crucified Redeemer, and urging upon believers the attainment of a full salvation, visiting our people from house to house, preaching more frequently in the mornings and in the open air, securing sufficient time for meeting all the classes regularly at the quarterly visitations, and speaking to each member as the case may require, and diligently applying ourselves to the important work of meeting and catechising the children of our people and congregations, and preaching occasional sermons for their improvement and spiritual instruction.

It is recommended that the Preachers frequently address the societies after preaching, meet and converse with the Leaders on the state of their respective classes, give all encouragement to prayer-meetings, embrace opportunities of preaching in private houses, wherever a congregation can be collected, and appointing preaching on the week-day *evenings*, at such an hour that the people shall not be kept *too late from* their habitations.

The Conference recommends the uniform and conscientious observance of all our Rules of Discipline, and especially urges a particular attention to Watchnights, private and public bands, and quarterly days of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, that the Head of the Church may pour out his Holy Spirit, that the kingdom of our God and of his Christ may be extended and established, by the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers on their most holy faith.

N. B.—The Quarterly fasts to be held according to the rule observed by the connexion in England—namely, on the first Friday, after Michaelmas, Christmas, Lady day, and Midsummer.

Q. 27.—What is the regulation of the Conference respecting the Members of Society removing from one Circuit to another?

A.—That when any of the Members of our Society shall remove from one Circuit to another, a Certificate of such removal shall be sent by the person, directed to the Superintendent of the other Circuit, and such Certificates shall be sealed.

Q. 28.—When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A.—On the third Wednesday in August.

Q. 29.—When shall the District Meetings, preparatory to the Conference be held?

A.—In the first, or at the latest, the second week in May.

Q. 30.—Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference?

A.—William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and Henry Price.

Q. 31.—When and where shall the Committees meet preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A.—In Dublin as follows, viz.:—The Committee of Chairmen of Districts, on Tuesday, the 21st of June, at 1 o'Clock, P. M. The Stationing Committee on Wednesday, the 22nd of June, at 6 o'clock, A. M. The Missionary Committee on Thursday the 23rd of June, at 6 o'clock, A. M. The Chapel Fund Committee, on Thursday, 23rd of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

N.B.—Brother J. F. Mathews, our Assistant Secretary, is required to attend the several Committees, previous to the Conference.

Q. 32.—When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A.—In Dublin, on Friday, the 24th of June, 1842, at 6 o'clock, A. M.

N. B.—It is directed that special attention be given to the rule, that no Circuit shall be left without a Preacher, during the sitting of Conference.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

ROBERT NEWTON, PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM STEWART, SECRETARY.

Cork, July 1st 1841.

GENERAL VIEW

Of the NUMBER of MEMBERS and MINISTERS in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the World, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1840.

			Nos.
Number of Members now in Great Britain, -			323,178
Ditto in Ireland - - -			27,047
Ditto in our Foreign Stations - -			78,504
Under the care of the British and Irish Conferences			428,729
Under the care of the American Conferences, in 1838			692,341
Under the care of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Upper Canada in 1840 -			16,354
Total number of Members in the Wesleyan-Methodist Societies throughout the world, exclusive of regular Travelling Preachers, who are statedly employed in the work of the ministry.			1,137,424
N.B. The number of regular Travelling Preachers, and of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers, is as follows, *viz.*,—			
In Great Britain,			
Regular Preachers - - -	942		
Supernumerary and Superannuated -	136		
			1078
In Ireland,			
Regular Preachers stationed in the Circuits	100		
Missionaries - - -	23		
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	36		
			159
In the Foreign Stations,			
Regular Preachers and Assistant Missionaries now actually on the List, (besides the twenty-three Missionaries employed in Ireland, and a considerable number who are to be appointed to the vacant Foreign Stations as soon as possible) - -	342		
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	3		
			345
In the Upper Canada Connexion,			
Regular Preachers and Supernumeraries -			127
In the American Connexion in 1838,			
Regular Preachers in Circuits, and Missionaries to the Indians and others -	3106		
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	216		
			3322
Total throughout the World - -			5031

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1841.

CIRCUITS.	No. in Society	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Fund.			Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Missionary Fund.			Extra Circuit Fund.
1 Dublin,	1329	158	5	0	48	0	0	58	1	0	62	0	0	585	0	0	35
2 Drogheda,	281	15	0	0	12	5	0	1	12	6	8	11	0	82	7	5	9
3 Dundalk,	152	5	0	6	1	13	2	1	16	0	3	5	4	39	2	2	4
4 Wicklow,	272	8	13	0	5	5	0	2	4	0	5	11	0	54	11	0	7
5 Waterford,	294	27	5	0	9	0	0	9	10	0	16	18	0	120	2	7	3
6 Carlow	330	15	10	11	7	14	0	2	2	11	7	10	6	96	18	6	4
7 Newtownbarry,	417	11	0	0	6	5	0	3	14	0	7	16	0	73	11	11	20
8 Wexford,	242	12	17	6	8	0	0	1	11	6	9	5	0	75	0	0	
9 Cork and Cove,	734	85	3	6	15	6	0	34	17	0	28	14	1	505	1	11	36
10 Bandon,	658	36	3	4	16	13	0	11	16	0	27	2	8	148	1	1	5
11 Skibbereen,	404	14	16	6	3	0	6	3	10	6	7	6	6	71	18	9	35
12 Tralee,	146	11	0	0	2	4	2	1	15	0	5	5	0	38	2	8	3
13 Limerick,	477	31	0	0	9	16	10	11	10	0	17	2	1	110	13	0	3
14 Roscrea,	280	16	0	0	9	18	6	10	5	6	13	0	0	151	16	6	3
15 Cloghjordan	198	4	8	1	2	1	2	1	11	6	2	8	0	39	10	2	22
16 Tullamore,	396	10	0	0	6	0	9	4	0	0	8	10	0	109	7	3	21
17 Athlone,	169	4	1	0	3	19	0	1	11	6	3	19	0	40	0	0	28
18 Mountrath, &c.	303	16	4	6	6	0	0	5	18	0	5	7	10	125	11	10	7
19 Longford,	205	6	0	0	3	15	0	1	12	0	5	12	0	62	8	2	10
20 Sligo,	565	14	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	11	10	0	58	2	8	18
21 Castlebar,	140	5	0	0	4	0	0	2	2	0	4	2	0	67	12	0	2
22 Ballina,	274	6	3	6	4	13		1	11	6	4	10	0	36	10	6	5
23 Boyle,	165	2	10	0	1	19	0	2	0	0	1	8	2	22	7	4	13
24 Clones,	604	5	3	0	3	10	0	1	12	0	4	17	6	51	9	8	20
25 Killesandra,	366	2	12	3	2	3	4	1	11	6	1	15	0	17	5	8	12
26 Castleblaney, &c.	480	4	8	4	2	6	4	1	11	6	2	6	3	41	1	2	25
27 Aughnacloy	346	3	4	6	1	19	5	1	11	6	2	7	0	18	12	8	10
28 Enniskillen	940	6	8	0	3	9	7	1	11	6	3	18	0	65	7	11	17
29 Brookborough,	760	5	14	0	1	0	0	1	11	6	3	10	0	27	12	10	90
30 Manorhamilton	762	7	1	0	2	10	4	1	12	0	3	0	8	34	11	3	18
31 Lowtherstown,	912	6	5	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	2	6	6	29	3	6	28
32 Pettigo, &c.	659	3	17	6	1	16	6	1	11	6	1	15	9	27	16	11	33
33 Londonderry,	415	13	18	0	6	6	0	4	4	0	11	10	0	130	3	0	15
34 Strabane,	676	6	7	0	2	11	0	1	11	6	1	12	9	20	3	6	38
35 Omagh,	540	6	0	0	2	2	1	1	11	6	2	6	2	38	6	9	30
36 Belfast,	1256	57	14	6	27	5	0	16	12	0	31	6	0	333	15	2	56
37 Ballyclare,	358	4	3	0	3	6	9	1	11	6	2	14	0	33	14	6	
38 Donaghadee,	480	9	0	0	5	0	0	1	11	6	6	0	0	66	1	0	
39 Carrickfergus,	310	5	16	0	5	0	0	1	16	6	6	12	0	38	0	0	8
40 Colerain,	392	6	16	0	6	3	0	2	0	0	6	13	8	62	4	7	18
41 Magherafelt,	586	5	2	0	5	0	0	1	11	6	3	1	11	28	0	1	27
42 Lisburn,	456	5	17	6	7	10	0	3	8	6	4	7	4	48	13	11	14
43 Downpatrick	162	2	6	0	2	4	0	1	11	6	1	5	0	20	2	6	
44 Newry,	309	5	7	0	3	18	0	3	10	0	4	0	0	50	6	10	10
45 Dungannon	622	5	6	6	3	0	0	1	14	0	3	1	6	49	1	9	
46 Armagh,	780	9	10	0	8	10	0	1	14	0	7	0	0	72	4	5	45
47 Lurgan	675	7	12	1	4	1	1	3	11	0	4	11	0	45	0	0	20
48 Moira, &c.	609	8	14	6	6	0	0	1	15	0	5	0	0	80	13	5	
49 Tandragee,	640	7	15	0	7	5	0	1	11	6	6	4	0	63	17	8	4
50 Portadown	790	9	1	0	7	18	7	7	10	6	11	5	4	107	4	5	6
Mission Stations.																	
1 Lucan and Trim	195	2	6	8	3	0	0	1	12	6	2	0	0	78	4	4	4
2 Bailieboro'	146	1	9	6	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	0	0	18	10	3	30
3 Kilkenny	227	4	10	0	3	10	6	1	11	6	4	17	0	85	1	11	3
4 Tipperary,																	
5 Youghal,	105	2	6	0	1	11	6	1	12	6	2	18	0	44	1	0	
6 Fermoy, &c.	125	3	12	0	2	10	0	2	0	0	3	15	0	62	17	8	4
7 Kinsale, &c.	112	2	1	1	1	5	6	1	11	6	1	13	6	40	15	11	3
8 Killarney	64	1	10	6	0	14	3	1	11	6	1	4	6	21	8	0	
9 Killaloe, &c.	233	5	10	4	4	2	6	1	11	6	3	4	6	108	0	0	
10 Galway	130	1	10	0	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	7	6	34	0	0	7
11 Ballinasloe,	120	1	3	2	1	2	3	1	11	6	1	2	6	19	9	8	3
12 Erris,	43	1	7	6	0	4	6	0	14	9	0	7	10	17	3	8	6
13 Cavan,	227	5	0	0	2	16	0	1	11	6	1	13	0	43	15	4	8
14 Donegal,	482	3	10	0	2	1	6	1	11	6	2	5	6	45	0	0	27
15 Ramelton, &c.	152	2	2	0	1	9	6	1	11	6	1	5	6	33	18	0	6
16 Newtownlimavady	112	1	4	0	1	2	0	1	11	6	1	1	0	21	17	3	28
17 Ballymena, &c.	172	1	3	6	1	1	8	1	11	6	1	1	0	30	0	0	
18 Ballycastle,	87	0	10	0	0	8	7	0	0	0	0	8	6	19	12	0	
19 Comber,	160	1	13	0	0	16	4	1	11	6	0	13	0	30	0	0	
TOTAL,	27208	779	11	3	356	1	8	279	2	2	443	4	7	5068			7

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	124	8	3
— Grant from British Contingent Fund	650	0	0
— Do. from Auxiliary Fund	250	0	0
— Do. from Book Room	300	0	0
— Amount of Yearly Collection, £779 11s. 3d. and £29 16s. 7d.	809	7	10
— Donation from James Hill, Esq., per Rev. Andrew Hamilton	90	0	0
— Mrs. Sheil's Legacy	3	13	6
— Missionary Balance	100	0	0
	£2327	9	7

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	£	s.	d.
By Allowance to Districts	2000	0	0
— Miscellanies	122	0	4
— Grant to Limerick	55	2	3
— Allowance for Furniture, and Ministerial aid to Circuits	54	0	0
— By Errors in Two Schedules of 1838, & 1839.	19	12	10
— By Balance	76	14	2
	£2327	9	7

N. B. The Sums annexed have been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Preacher's Fund.

Cork, 1*st July*, 1841.

Subscription from James Hill, Esq., per Rev. A. Hamilton £10 0 0

Legacy from Mrs. Deaves 11 8 0

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

IRISH CONFERENCE,

TO THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

Dublin, June 26th, 1840.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

HAVING by the good Providence of God closed the first year of the second century of Methodism in peace, we adopt as our motto the language of Samuel, who, when he set up a stone between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, said, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

When we reflect on the evils that have threatened us, the number and diversity of enemies that have assailed us, the varied attacks of which we have been the subject, and the scantiness of our earthly resources, our eyes are opened to see as our defence the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire round about us; and our glory and trust are only in the Lord. Yet, united to you by ties which time has served but to strengthen, we gladly acknowledge the obligations under which we are to your suitable and continued sympathy and aid, for our present position among the churches, and before "the inhabitants of the land." Nor do we exclusively allude to the pecuniary supplies you have granted, and without which, according to human calculations, we must have been overwhelmed by our difficulties. The knowledge of our oneness with you—the oft-repeated expression of *your cordial* affection,(which we heartily reciprocate)—

the visits of those who are annually deputed from your Body to come over and help us,—have buoyed up our spirits, strengthened our resolution, cheered our hopes, and animated our efforts, when otherwise we should have sunk as lead in the waters.

Your excellent Address was read by us with great interest, and received with warm cordiality. It contains a correct analysis of our country's evils, and prescribes their only effectual remedy. Ireland, abounding in the elements of a nation's greatness, is yet impoverished and debased beneath the iron rule of a dire superstition, to the subversion of which, legal enactments, physical force, and political expedients, are applied in vain. For ages, it has made void the commandment of God by the traditions of men,—sealed up the word of eternal truth from public view,—enthralled the intellect, hardened the heart, paralyzed the energies, and blasted the hopes of our country, which it has wrapped up in a shroud of darkness and of death. Still we do not despair of her final regeneration. Though the kingdom of God cometh not with public observation, they who discern the signs of the times can see, in the pencilling of light with which the horizon begins to brighten, a dim but sure indication of a coming day, when "violence shall no more be heard in the land, wasting nor destruction within its borders;" when "instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree, and instead of the brier shall come the myrtle-tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." The greatest subject of our regret is the disunion of Protestants; and the greatest object of our fear and deprecation is, the betrayal of the high trusts committed to Protestant churches by the providence of God. Human policy may be wisely and profitably employed in balancing the differences of human opinions and earthly interests; but when the Almighty speaketh, and the interests of his kingdom are involved, compromise is perfidy, by which injuries are inflicted, incalculable in degree, and eternal in duration. "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you."

The success with which the Almighty has crowned our labours in the past year encourages our faith and hope. "Our Gospel has not come in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." Few years have been more remarkable than the last for numerous conversions. Many members of our society have been quickened, led to the cross, and introduced into the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. This we value as the great design of our ministry, without which we labour comparatively in vain. We have lost more than six hundred members by emigration, yet we have a net increase of six hundred and sixty-four. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake." We deeply feel the responsibility of our office; determine to devote ourselves to the work of the Lord whereunto he hath separated us; and earnestly desire to make full proof of our ministry, "by pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet true; . . . . as sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

In the different sittings of our Conference we have had much pleasure and profit, to which the presence of our highly esteemed and beloved PRESIDENT largely contributed. Having frequently heard through the course of the year of his severe illness, we scarcely hoped for the favour of his presidency. We received him with gratitude at the hand of the Lord, who "killeth, and maketh alive; who bringeth down to the grave and bringeth up." The delight with which we enjoyed his judicious counsels and rich ministrations suffered no diminution, but from a fear lest his recovery to health may be retarded by the arduous duties of his high office. It is our earnest prayer that his valuable life and labours may be long continued to the church, *under the guardian*ship of Him "who holdeth the seven

stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks."

You will not think it strange that we felt the absence of our long-known and highly-valued friend, the Rev. Robert Newton, to whom we, and the interests of Methodism in Ireland, are so much indebted, to be a great deprivation. It is, however, gratifying to hear of the kindness and cordiality with which he has been received in America, and the probability of his being made specially useful to an important and interesting branch of the Wesleyan family. We trust that the Great Head of the church will bring him back safely, in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

We cherished the expectation of seeing the Rev. Dr. Bunting among us, as one of the General Missionary Secretaries; and though in this instance disappointed, we do hope to be favoured with his presence and invaluable counsel at the *earliest convenience*.

We were much gladdened and profited by the visit of our dearly beloved Ex-President, the Rev. Thomas Jackson, the savour of whose hallowed services at the Belfast Conference still remains on our hearts, and to the instrumentality of which is attributable much of our recent prosperity.

Six brethren, having fulfilled their course of trial, have been admitted into full connexion, and separated to the office of the ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. This service, always profitable, was made a peculiar blessing. The most High manifested his presence in our assembly, and set his seal on the ordination of his servants. The President's excellent address, delivered on the subsequent evening, impressed us deeply with the importance of our office, and the necessity of taking heed unto ourselves and to the doctrine, that we may save our own souls, and them that hear us.

Four of our Body, who had been previously obliged through age and infirmities to retire from active service, have been called to their reward. They witnessed a good confession, were sustained in the hour of nature's weakness, and died testifying that Christ is able to

save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Four have retired on the Supernumerary list, and eight have been admitted on trial, who we hope will faithfully and effectively supply the place of those whom the Almighty, in the exercise of his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from the militant to the triumphant church. The waste of life and energies in others is highly admonitory to us, possessing as we do one common nature, and existing under one common administration with them; and it teacheth us that we "must work the works of Him that sent us while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work:" while the constant supply of the ministry illustrates the care of the King of Zion for his church, and his design that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

We are happy to say that the zeal of our people for the extension of Christian Missions still increases, and their liberality to this great cause abounds. Through the organization of Missionary Societies among other denominations, the support of many which was formerly enjoyed by us has been withdrawn; yet our income is above £4800, being more than £100 above last year's receipts. Your Missionary deputation, the Rev. Messrs. Scott, Nelson, Lomas, and Clough, and Mr. Wm. Dawson, were received by our Societies cordially and gratefully; and their visits were highly beneficial to the great cause for which they were engaged. Our Irish Missions have been favoured with the divine blessing. In the last year upwards of one hundred and fifty have been united to our society, and many have been brought to a knowledge of the truth. Six additional Schools are established; and we trust that they will be yet more highly instrumental of cultivating the waste places of our country, till the Saviour "make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord." The Conference, with a deep sense of the fidelity, zeal, judicious and ceaseless efforts, and usefulness of the Rev. W. O. Croggon, *have passed a unanimous* vote of thanks to him for his

services; and they trust by the blessing of God on his *continued* superintendence of our Missions and Schools, that they shall more abundantly prosper.

We send to you as our Representatives the Rev. Messrs. Stewart, Waugh, and Gillman, in whom we have the fullest confidence.

In conclusion, we pray that a double portion of the spirit of our fathers may be upon us; and may the Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you as he hath promised you!

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

THE ANSWER

OF THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE,

TO THE

ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, August 13th, 1840.

Dearly beloved Brethren,

We have received, with great pleasure, the pious and affectionate Address, presented to us by your respected Representatives, the Rev. Messrs. Stewart, Waugh, and Gillman. We were much affected by an intimation from Mr. Stewart, that this may probably be the last opportunity afforded him of appearing before us in his present character. We entertain a hope that this will not be the case; but that we shall yet have the pleasure of welcoming him in future years as a true representative of the warm and generous friendliness of your

country, and of the ability, fidelity, and diligence of your Conference. Mr. Gillman has secured our affection by his amiable deportment, and our respect by his zeal and talent. Of Mr. Waugh we have spoken so often and so highly, that it is difficult to vary our terms of eulogy; and we need only say, that he continues to grow in our affection and esteem.

The faithful performance of ministerial duty in any country, and under any circumstances, will always be attended with difficulties. It is a warfare which is constantly bringing us into collision with the appetites and passions of the carnal mind, and the schemes and systems of worldly men. While, however, *we* have not been free from this strife, we are fully aware that *you* have been called to endure its still greater violence. In some places among us, Popery has assumed unwonted vigour and assiduity. Some portions of our labouring population have been intoxicated and deluded by the ravings of lawless democrats. But with you these evils are not partial and local, as they are with us, but universal and pervading. And while you fully believe that the holy religion of which you are the Ministers, is the great antidote to the moral and political maladies of your country; there are others of the same opinion, who, as they are interested in maintaining the present state of things, regard you with feelings of peculiar animosity, and watch all your movements with jealousy and suspicion.

The opposition you have to encounter from some professed Protestants, is the more to be deplored, as it tends to paralyze your own exertions, to limit your influence, and in some measure to identify such Protestants with the avowed defenders of the errors which you wish to oppose; and as nothing can be more injurious to the great cause of Protestantism, so nothing is more painful and irritating to the minds of its devoted adherents. But we thank God on your behalf, that, in the midst of these party excitements and animosities, you have been able to act upon the principles which have ever been recognised in our Connexion, affording efficient and unvarying support to the Protestant institu-

tions of the country, the benefits of which were never more apparent than in the present times, when the corrupt and persecuting Church of Rome is making such strenuous attempts to regain her lost ascendancy. We have the fullest confidence that you will continue to pursue, with undeviating fidelity, the great objects of your calling, making full proof of your ministry in the salvation of the souls of men, through evil report and good report; when reviled, reviling not again; praying for them that despitefully use you and persecute you.

And we would further add, that while the factious, and variable, and interested means, continually suggested for the moral and political renovation of Ireland, are all characterized by the spirit of agitation, it is a wholesome contrast to see the only means by which such renovation can really be effected, marked by the quiet, patient, and peaceable demeanour of its advocates.

We sympathize with your regret on account of the extensive emigrations of your people. It is painfully discouraging to witness from year to year the departure of your best people from your shores, to seek in other lands that subsistence and protection which, under a better system of management, their own would so richly produce.

This is a loss to your country. The salt is removed before it has fully imparted its savour; the leaven is separated from the lump before it has had time to leaven it; the light is taken away, while your land is still in darkness.

This is a loss to the emigrants themselves. They leave the scenes and associations of their conversion to God, the churches in which they have been awakened and born again, and the companions and exercises of their first love. Many of them, it is to be feared, lose all sense of religion in the trials and anxieties of a settler, in the absence of the means of grace, and of the fostering care of their Christian Pastors. But while many thus wander and stray, we are encouraged to know that all are not lost: many remain in the fold of Christ. Although lost to you, some go to swell the numbers, and increase the efficiency, of other branches

of the great Methodist family; and some, carrying their religion into the heart of the wilderness, lay the foundations of future churches.

Under all the circumstances of opposition and emigration, we consider your reported increase of six-hundred and sixty-four as a matter of great thankfulness and encouragement. You do not labour in vain, nor spend your strength for nought. You have seen the morning spread upon the mountains; and there shall yet be a glorious day to Christian, Protestant Ireland.

Almighty God has been pleased to crown our labours during the past year with signal success. Our increase of numbers at home is sixteen thousand one hundred and ten; on the Foreign Missions, five thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven; which with your own number of six hundred and sixty-four, makes a total increase of twenty-two thousand five hundred and fifty-one. This success has more solemnly impressed us with a sense of our deep responsibility. The results prove that God has placed in our hands a mighty instrumentality: its effectiveness depends on our own personal devotedness, and upon the zeal and faithfulness with which this instrumentality is used. Who is sufficient for these things? Brethren, pray for us. A world lying in the arms of the wicked one is before us. God has put into our hands the mighty means to arouse and save it. What manner of men ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness? Dear brethren, we invite you to join with us in the determination we have already formed, of diligently cultivating our own personal piety and ministerial gifts, that we may be examples of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

The religious services of this Conference have been attended by the special influence of the Holy Ghost: a spirit of fervent prayer has been poured out upon us; and our various sittings have been characterized by great union and harmony. We shall go from this Conference with hallowed feelings of devotion to God, and affection and esteem for each other.

We are sorry to say that the health of our esteemed Ex-President has not been sufficiently restored to allow of his being present with us. Prayer has been made to God for him continually; and we hope his valuable life will yet be spared to the church and the world.

Death has deprived us of eighteen of our dear fathers and brethren, exclusive of those who have died on our Foreign Missions; but the Great Head of the Church continues to raise up other labourers, and send them forth into his vineyard. The number of young men ordained this year is fifty-four; and the number received as probationers is also unusually large.

We have appointed our President, the Rev. Robert Newton, to preside at your next Annual Conference; and we have appointed the Rev. John Bowers to accompany him. We have also, according to your wishes, and with perfect confidence in his fitness for the office, re-appointed the Rev. W. O. Croggon, as General Superintendent of Irish Missions and Schools.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Jackson and Barnabas Shaw, for the North of Ireland; Thomas Martin and Thomas Cryer, for the South; and Samuel Young, for the West, are appointed as Deputations to attend the principal Meetings of your Missionary Societies.

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace—and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN HANNAH, *Secretary.*

THE ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

TO THE

METHODIST SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

THE period is again arrived when, assembled in ou Annual Conference as the ministers of Christ to deliberat on those things which concern the interests of that portio of his universal Church, which in the order of His Graciou Providence, he has committed to our care —It becomes ou pleasing duty to address you as the people of our charg In you we gratefully recognise "the Seal of our Apostl ship," and proof that, our Divine Master has not suffere us to run in vain, neither to labour in vain, "Ye are ou epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all mer Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistl of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, bu with the Spirit of the living God, not in tables of ston but in fleshly tables of the heart."

On the morning of June the 25th, at 6 o'clock, w commenced our Conference with prayers, intercessions, an giving of thanks to Almighty God for you, the Churc universal, and the world at large; and being deeply con scious of our entire dependance on Him who hath hithert helped us, we fervently implored the teaching an guidance of his Holy Spirit, in all our works and way knowing that "without him nothing is wise, or good, strong;" at the same time, we felt encouraged in the pe suasion that, in your different localities you were engage with us in the same hallowed and hallowing exercise "Brethren pray for us, and in every thing by prayer an supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests b

made known unto God; and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus."

To see our venerated and beloved President the Rev. Robert Newton, in health and safety once more amongst us, occupying our Chair, and in our pulpits holding forth the word of life, were to us equally gratifying and profitable. The recollections of his former visits and labours, and their beneficial results on the interests of our cause, were revived with augmented feelings of gratitude and affection. Never on any former occasion were his counsels and labours more eminently distinguished by the wisdom and grace which are from above. He came to us truly "in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ."

In the highly esteemed companion of our excellent President, the Rev. John Bowers, we have found a friend and a brother who has manifested a most lively and affectionate interest in our welfare and prosperity as an integral part of the great Wesleyan Family; and by his judicious counsels, and able ministrations, has secured to himself our most cordial regard and love. We have only to regret, that his stay has been so short; but we indulge the hope of being favoured by having him again amongst us, at no distant period. To our Fathers and Brethren of the British Conference, we owe an incalculable debt of gratitude, for their parental and brotherly care and love, and especially for those distinguished members of their body whom they select from year to year, and send over to help us, as "the Messengers of the Churches and the glory of Christ."

In reviewing the deaths which have taken place during the past year, when the name of our late pre-eminently gifted and beloved President, the Rev. Theophilus Lessey, was mentioned, the feeling produced by his recent removal from his labours on earth to his rest in heaven, was deeply solemn, and affecting; it revived in the minds of the brethren, his last powerfully impressive, and never to be forgotten sermon, which with peculiar unction and energy he delivered in Abbey Street Chapel, Dublin, to a densely crowded and deeply affected congregation. How mysterious to us in many instances, are the dispensations

of God. But although "clouds and darkness are round about him, justice and judgment are the habitation of his throne" "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh, shall find watching."

Two of our aged Brethren, Michael Murphy, and John Wilson, who had been superannuated many years, have also been removed to the better world. But while the Lord of the Vineyard calls his labourers to rest from their toils, He raises up and qualifies others, to carry on His work. Five young men who have creditably fulfilled the years of their probation, after due examination, were cordially received into full connexion, and solemnly ordained by the imposition of hands to the sacred office, in the presence of a vast and deeply interested assembly, before whom they witnessed a good confession. On the following evening, the President delivered to them a most appropriate, instructive, and impressive charge.

Nine young men of good report, and well recommended by their respective Quarterly and District Meetings, as candidates for our ministry, have been approved and placed on our list of reserve; five of them are appointed to Circuits, and the remainder, it is hoped, will be admitted to the Theological Institution.

Seven of our Brethren have been compelled to retire, this year, on the Supernumerary list—some of them on account of age and its concomitant infirmities, and others by affliction, from which, through the Divine blessing, we anticipate their recovery, and hope that after a partial rest they may be enabled to resume their itinerant labours.

Since our last Conference, upwards of Nine hundred of the members of our Societies have emigrated from our shores, and with them, probably more than double that number of their families and friends who were our stated hearers, and the friends of our cause. Although in the different localities where they resided we sensibly feel our loss, yet we trust they are not lost to the Church of God. After filling up the vacancies occasioned by these, and several other causes, through the blessing of God upon our labours, we have been enabled to return a net increase of two hundred and twenty-one members, above the aggregate of the past year. *Many are the* oppositions and difficulties with which we

are surrounded in this distracted land; of these you are fully aware, yet we can joyfully reiterate the language of our venerable founder, "the best of all is, God is with us." O may we ever cleave to him, and to him give all the glory.

In our address of last year, we directed your attention to the religious instruction and training of the young. The importance of this subject must be our apology for again directing your attention to this interesting department of Christian duty. The times in which we live, and the circumstances in which we are placed, render it extremely desirable, if not absolutely imperative, that, in addition to those already in existence, and besides our Sunday Schools, that Daily Schools should be established wherever it is practicable; and we are happy to inform you, that having maturely considered the subject in Conference, we have come to the determination of forming a "Wesleyan Methodist School Society," for the above purpose. This we confidently hope will meet your entire approval, and engage your cordial co-operation and efficient support, according to your ability. It is peculiarly gratifying to us, to record that our Irish Missions and Schools, under the vigilant and careful superintendence of the Rev. W. O. Croggon, as well as those in foreign lands, are in a state of active and growing prosperity. We heartily rejoice in the increased support afforded by the Christian public to the great Christian Missionary Cause, so richly fraught with good to man, and glory to God. Besides the extraordinary liberality of the friends of Missions in England, even in Ireland our Missionary Contributions are increasing every year. "Let us not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." If we, as a people, were ever called to devote ourselves more unreservedly to God and his work, this is the time! Hitherto, the Great Head of the Church has condescended to employ us as instruments in his hand, of much direct moral and religious good; and indirectly also, by exciting in other sections of the Christian Church, increased diligence and activity in promoting the interests and influence of our common Christianity; and we rejoice to behold the progress of genuine piety and zeal in other Churches, knowing that

whatsoever good is done upon the earth, it is the Lord that doeth it, and to Him alone be all the praise.

But, brethren, let us not in anywise forget the special purpose, for which, we believe God hath raised us up as a people, namely—to exemplify and diffuse vital godliness throughout the land. But how can this be accomplished unless we be a holy people? Let us, therefore, maintain with the utmost fidelity and care, the fulness and purity of Gospel doctrine, and the judicious exercise of Scriptural discipline, and be ever on our guard against a wordly spirit, and mere formality in religion, and let us ever bear in mind, that "if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." When opposed, let us avoid all angry controversies, and in meekness of spirit, "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints" with "sound speech that cannot be condemned." Be diligent in the perusal and study of the Holy Scriptures. Frequently "examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith," and cultivate deep heartfelt personal piety, and practical holiness. Faithfully attend to the indispensable duty of family religion in all its branches; forsake not the assembling of yourselves together in your weekly Class Meetings, as the manner of some is; they are the great nursery of spiritual religion, and social piety amongst us, and those of our members who attend them best, in vital godliness prosper most. Be punctual, and early at the appointed hour in public worship, that ye may "wait on the Lord without distraction," devoutly hearkening to hear what he shall say unto you by the ministry of His word, for he will speak peace unto his people, but let them not turn again unto folly. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that hath promised. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works. Avoid all evil speaking, and evil surmisings. "Let brotherly love continue: Bear ye one anothers burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Be strictly guarded against every violation of the Lord's day, either in word or deed. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy: and forget not to commemorate the suffering, dying, love of Jesus. Be diligent in attention to, and *faithful in the* use of all the appointed means of Grace.

Pray fervently, frequently, and believingly, for the more abundant and universal promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Expect great things from God, for although he often tries the faith and patience, He never disappoints the scriptural confidence, and hope of a praying people.

Now may the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, Through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. And we beseech you brethren, suffer the word of exhortation.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, SECRETARY

Coal Valley 1*st* 1841.

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

THE PREACHERS IN IRELAND.

*** The figures at the beginning of the lines, show the *year in* which each Preacher began to travel; and those at the end of the lines, denote the Preacher's *first, second, &c.*, annual appointment to his present station.

		YRS.
1834	Appelbe, W. P. *Limerick,*	2
1816	Armstrong, J. *Lurgan,*	2
1806	Armstrong, W. Sup. *Dungannon,*	
1838	Atkins, J. H. *Belfast North*	2
1841	Bagley, J. *Kinsale, &c.*	1
1818	Ballard T. *Downpatrick,*	1
1831	Bamford, R. *Manorhamilton,*	2
1792	Banks, R. Sup. *Carlow.*	
1834	Banks, E. M. *Clones,* ...	1
1832	Bayly, B. *Donegal,* ...	3
1824	Beauchamp, R. *Omagh,*	2
1790	Bell, J. Sup. *Dublin.*	
1838	Bell, R. *Erris,*	1
1834	Bennett, J. B. *Enniskillen,*	1
1836	Black, R. *Bandon,* ...	1
1837	Black, J. *Clones,* ...	2
1839	Boyd, J. H. *Maryborough, &c.*	1
1790	Browne, T. Sup. *Belfast South.*	
1839	Brown, W. *Strabane,* ...	1
1810	Bruce, R. *Waterford,* ...	3
1830	Burnside, W. *Boyle,* ...	3
1805	Burrows, M. Sup. *Carrickfergus,*	
1809	Burrows, G. *Longford,*	3
1824	Byrne, C. *Carrickfergus,*	2
1797	Campbell, A. Sup. *Dublin.*	
1812	Campbell, J. *Magherafelt*	1
1831	Campbell, W. G. *Galway,*	1
1810	Carey, J. *Coleraine,* ...	1
1808	Carson, R. Sup. *Omagh.*	
1797	Carter, J. Sup. *Moira, &c.*	
1829	Cather, W. *Roscrea,* ...	3
1841	Cather, R. G. B. *Portadown,*	1
1796	Clendinnen, J. Sup. *Bideford, England.*	
1810	Cobain, E. *Moira, &c.*	1
1832	Cowdy, S. Sup. *Brookborough.*	
1814	Cornwall, W. *Kerry,* ...	2
1804	Crook, W. *Drogheda,* ...	1
1793	Crozier, R. Sup. *Enniskillen.*	
1834	Darby, W. A. *Drogheda,*	1
1799	Deery, H. Sup. *Waterford.*	
1840	Devers, Robert. *Wexford,*	1
1837	Donald, Js. *Donaghadee,*	1
1838	Donald, John. *Castlebar,*	1
1803	Doolittle, T. W. Sup. *Sligo.*	
1796	Douglas, W. Sup. *Lowtherstown,*	
1808	Downing, S. *Wicklow,* ...	3
1840	Duncan, J. *Ballina,* ...	1
1835	Farrell, J. *Cavan,* ...	2
1821	Feely, J. *Lucan & Trim,*	1
1818	Ffrench, P. Sup. *Roscrea.*	
1790	Ferguson, W. Sup *Dublin,*	
1810	Finley, W. Sup. *Strabane.*	
1833	Foster, J. *Killesandra,*	2
1808	Foote, W. *Donaghadee,*	1
1832	Geddes, H. *Ballyclare,*	2
1841	Gibson, W. *Omagh,* ...	1
1840	Gilbert, J. *Killesandra,*	2
1834	Giles, H. *Carlow,* ...	2

YRS.

1823 Gillman, J. B. *Bandon*, 1
1835 Grant, G. *Waterford*, ... 2
1826 Greer, J. *Cork*, ... 1
1821 Guard, W. *Bailieboro'*, 1
1802 Hadden, J. *Skibbereen*, 3
1841 Ham, T. *Tandragee*, ... 1
1789 Hamilton, A. Sup. *Bandon.*
1788 Hamilton, W. Sup. *Newry*
1836 Hamilton, R. *Pettigo*, ... 2
1810 Harman, J. Sup. *Cork.*
1828 Harpur, E. *Strabane*, ... 1
1826 Harrington, J. Sup. *Waterford.*
1840 Hay, J. *Sligo*, ... I
1809 Hazleton, E. Sup. *Armagh.*
1841 Henderson, Al. M. *Donegal*, ... 1
1826 Henry, J. *Fermoy*, ... I
1838 Hewitt, R. *Galway*, ... 1
1835 Hickey, T. *Ballycastle*, 2
1815 Hill, J. *Moira*, ... 3
1822 Hobart, N. *Magherafelt*, 1
1831 Hoey, W. 1st *Dungannon* 2
1840 Hoey, W. 2nd *Killaloe*, 1
1820 Holmes, J. *Armagh*, ... 1
1830 Hughes, James *Maryborough* 2
1835 Hughes, John *Brookborough* 1
1829 Huston, R. *Kilkenny* ... 3
1840 Huston, A. *Manorhamilton*, ... 2
1815 Jebb, J. *Brookborough*, 1
1827 Jessop, R. *Wexford*, ... 1
1809 Johnston, E. *Dungannon* 1
1808 Johnston, J. *Aughnacloy*, 1
1840 Jones, R. *Armagh*, ... 2
1806 Irvine, J. C. Sup. *Pettigo.*
1836 Kennedy, J. *Carrickfergus*, ... 1
1787 Kerr, T. Sup. *Maryborough*
1806 Keys, W. *Ballymena*, ... 3
1799 Kidd, W. Sup. *Colerain.*
1806 Kyle, S. *Newtownbarry*, 2
1795 Lanktree, M. Sup. *Donaghadee.*
1825 Le Maitre, F. P. *Belfast South*, ... 2

YRS.

1834 Liddy, J. *Tralee*, ... 1
1827 Lindsay, R. H. *Killaloe*, 1
1801 Lougheed, T. *Carlow*, ... 3
1828 Lupton, W. *Enniskillen*, 2
1808 Lynch, J. *Comber*, ... 1
1827 M'Afee, D. *Belfast North* 2
1802 M'Cord, C. Sup. *Strabane.*
1807 M'Cormick, C. Sup. *Killaloe.*
1802 M'Cutchan, J. Sup. *Pettigo*
1808 M'Dowell, S. *Ballinasloe* 2
1801 M'Elwain, G. Sup. *Kingstown.*
1836 M'Garvey, W. *Cloghjordan*, ... 1
1840 M'Kay, J. W. *Colerain*, 1
1839 M'Kee, J. *Lisburn*, ... 1
1838 M'Millen, G. *Londonderry*, ... 2
1841 M'Mullen, W. *Kilkenny*, 1
1812 Masaroon. R. *Lisburn*, 2
1818 Mathews, J. F. *Limerick* 1
1828 Meredith, T. *Londonderry*, ... 3
1835 Moore, H. *Newtownbarry* 1
1829 Mulloy, W. *Lowtherstown* 1
1790 Murdoch, A. Sup. *Athlone.*
1833 Murdoch, J. *Castlebar*, 2
1837 Meyer, R. J. *Wicklow*, 2
1824 Nash, J. *Cove*, ... 2
1809 Nelson, J. *Sligo*, ... 2
1801 Nesbit, J. Sup. *Pettigo.*
1810 Noble. A. *Cavan*, ... 2
1838 Norwood, W. J. *Bandon* 1
1841 Oliver, J. *Lowtherstown*, 1
1805 Olliffe, J. *Newtownlimavady*, ... 1
1840 Orbison, T. *Castleblaney*, 1
1824 Patterson, J. *Dundalk*, 1
1795 Pedlow, D. Sup. *Cork.*
1804 Phillips, R. *Longford*, 1
1823 Price, H. *Dublin*, ... 1
1808 Price, R. Sup. *Longford.*
1808 Pratt, J. C. *Pettigo*, ... 1
1810 Reilly, W. *Portadown*, 2
1815 Richey, W. *Tullamore*, 2
1789 Ridgeway, T. Sup. *Belfast, North.*
1837 Robinson, D. *Tralee*, ... 1
1803 Rogers, J. Sup. *Longford.*

	YRS.
1802 Rutledge, J. Sup. *Clones.*	
1826 Saul, J. *Newry,* ...	1
1835 Scott, R. *Dublin,* ...	1
1830 Starkey, W. *Tullamore,*	1
1814 Stephens, F. *Athlone,* ...	1
1800 Stewart, W. *Kingstown,*	1
1824 Sullivan, J. *Youghal,* ...	3
1822 Tackaberry, F. *Cork,* ...	2
1791 Tobias, M. Sup. *Belfast South.*	
1829 Tobias, J. *Tandragee,*...	3
1817 Tracy, R. T. *Ballina,* ...	1
1835 Vance, G. *Dublin,* ...	2
1836 Wallace, R. *Newry,* ...	1
1838 Walker, J. *Roscrea,* ...	1
1808 Waugh, T. *Dublin,* ...	2
1800 Waugh, D. Sup. *Moira.*	
1808 Waugh, J. *Castleblaney,*	2
1840 Waugh, J. S. *Aughnacloy.*	1
1837 Whittaker, J. K. *Skibbereen,*	1
1823 Wilson, J. S. *Lurgan,*...	2
1832 Wilson, Jh. *Ramelton,*...	1
1828 Williams, J. Sup. *Killaloe.*	
1789 Wood, S. Sup. *Donaghadee.*	
1840 Young, E. K. *Belfast South,*	1

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MINUTES

OF

SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN

The Methodist Preachers

IN THE CONNEXION ESTABLISHED BY

THE LATE REV. JOHN WESLEY, A.M.,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

BEGUN IN DUBLIN, FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1842.

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MINUTES.

Question I.

What Preachers are this year received into *full connexion* with the Conference?

A.—William J. Norwood, John Donald,
John Walker, Gibson M'Millen,
John H. Atkins, Robert Hewitt.

Q. 2.—What Preachers *remain on trial?*

A.—William Brown, James M'Kee.

These have travelled *three years.*

John H. Boyd, William Hoey, 2d.
John Duncan, James S. Waugh,
Joseph W. M'Kay, Robert Jones,
Andrew Huston, John Gilbert,
John Hay, Robert A. Devers,
Thomas Orbison, Edward K. Young.

These have travelled *two years.*

Robert George Cather, William Gibson,
John Oliver, Wallace M'Mullen,
Anketell M. Henderson, John Bagley.

These have travelled *one year.*

Q. 3.—What Preachers are now *received on trial?*

A.—John Higgins, John Kerr Johnston.

Q. 4. What Preachers have *died* since last Conference?

A. THOMAS WADE DOOLITTLE, of whom it might be said, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus;" it was, however, during his apprenticeship in a mercantile establishment in Dublin, where he joined the Methodist Society, that he was brought fully under the influence of the Gospel, and by the Holy Spirit was led to experience "The knowledge of salvation by the remission of sins." Shortly after his conversion, with a heart full of Christian love and zeal, he began to preach righteousness and call sinners to repentance: and having on due examination discovered suitable gifts, and promise of future usefulness, he was in 1803, called into the public ministry amongst us. He was a man of an amiable spirit, unquestionable piety, diligent in labours, and uniformly consistent deportment, much respected and beloved in the circuits where he travelled. He possessed in a high degree the confidence and affection of his brethren, by whom he was repeatedly chosen to fill some of the most prominent and responsible offices in the Connexion. In later years he was providentially exercised with severe family afflictions, by the sickness and deaths of his excellent wife, and two sons, grown up to young men. And whilst as a husband and a parent he felt those distressing bereavements, — as a Christian, being persuaded that they all died in the faith and hope of a glorious immortality, he bowed with submission to the divine will, in effect saying, "the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." Still he persevered in his ministerial and pastoral labours, until by a series of complicated personal affliction, which lasted about 18 months, he was obliged to retire from all public exercises. His protracted sufferings, which he endured with invincible patience and fortitude, attracted the attention and excited the tenderest sympathies of his friends, who were much affected and edified by his remarkable *exemplification* of the Christian graces. No mur-

muring expression escaped his lips, and with unshaken confidence in the all atoning merits of the Saviour, he maintained his confidence in God, and the rejoicing of his hope firm unto the end. He died March 8th, 1842, in the 60th year of his age, and 39th of his ministry. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

Q. 5. Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. What Preachers in full connexion with the Conference have desisted from Travelling?

A. Not any.

Q. 7. How are our Preachers stationed for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz.:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	Thomas Waugh, Henry Price, William J. Norwood, John Donald; William Ferguson, James Bell, Henry Deery, William Kidd, Archibald Campbell, *Sup.*
2	*Kingstown,*	William Stewart; George M'Ilwain, *Supernumerary.*
3	*Drogheda,*	William Crook, William A. Darby.
4	*Dundalk,*	Thomas Beamish.
5	*Wicklow,*	Samuel Kyle, William Richey.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6	*Waterford,*	William Reilly, John Williams.
7	*Carlow,*	Samuel Downing, John H. Boyd; Robert Banks, Thomas Lougheed, *Supernumeraries.*
8	*Newtownbarry,*	Henry Giles, Hugh Moore.
9	*Wexford,*	Robert Jessop, Robert Black.

WILLIAM REILLY, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

10	*Cork,*	John Greer, James B. Gillman; Daniel Pedlow, Joshua Harman, *Supernumeraries.*
	Cove,	John Nash.
11	*Bandon,*	William Lupton, George Vance; Andrew Hamilton, *Supernum.*
12	*Skibbereen,*	John Waugh, Thomas K. Whittaker.
13	*Tralee,*	James Sullivan, John Bagley.

WILLIAM LUPTON, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

14	*Limerick,*	John F. Mathews, William P. Appelbe.
15	*Roscrea,*	Robert Bruce, James S. Waugh.
16	*Cloghjordan,*	William M'Garvey; Patrick Ffrench, *Supernumerary.*

Letters to be directed to Burrisokane.

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

17	*Tullamore,*	John Hadden, William Starkey.
18	*Athlone,*	Francis Stephens.
19	*Maryborough & Mountrath,*	James Hughes, Wallace M'Mullen,
20	*Longford,*	Richard Phillips, John Farrell; John Rogers, Richard Price, *Supernumeraries.*

JOHN HADDEN, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

21	*Sligo,*	John Nelson, John Hay.
22	*Castlebar,*	James Murdoch, Samuel Cowdy.
23	*Ballina,*	Richard T. Tracy, John Duncan.
24	*Boyle,*	James Donald.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

25	*Clones,*	Edward M. Banks, Robert J. Meyer; James Rutledge, *Sup.*
26	*Killesandra,*	Robert Hamilton, John Gilbert.
27	*Castleblany & Monaghan,*	John Foster, William Gibson.
28	*Aughnacloy,*	James Johnston, James Patterson; Thomas Kerr, *Supernumerary.*

JAMES JOHNSTON, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

29	*Enniskillen,*	George Burrows, John B. Bennet; Robert Crozier, James C. Pratt, *Supernumeraries.*
30	*Brookborough,*	John Jebb, David Robinson.
31	*Manorhamilton,*	Robert Bamford, John Higgins.
32	*Lowtherstown,*	William Mulloy, William Hoey, 1st. William Douglas, *Supernum.*
33	*Pettigo & Ballyshannon,*	John Hughes, John Kerr Johnson; John C. Irvine, *Super.*

GEORGE BURROWS, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

34	*Londonderry,*	Fossey Tackaberry, Joseph W. M'Kay.
35	*Strabane,*	Edward Harpur, William Brown; William Finley, *Supernum.*
36	*Omagh,*	John Armstrong, Robert G. Cather; James M'Cutcheon, Robert Carson, *Supernumeraries.*

FOSSEY TACKABERRY, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

37	*Belfast, South Donegal Square, &c.*	Frederick P. Le Maitre, Edward K. Young; Matthew Tobias, Thomas Brown, *Supernumer.*

38 *Belfast, North Frederick-st. &c.* — Daniel M'Afee, John H. Atkins; Thomas Ridgeway, *Supernum.*

N.B.—The Preachers of the two preceding Circuits shall change on one Sunday in every four weeks.

39 *Ballyclare,* — William Burnside.

40 *Donaghadee,* — William Foote, James Tobias; Samuel Wood, Matthew Lanktree, (who resides at Newtownards,) *Super.*

41 *Carrickfergus,* — Claudius Byrne, Robert A. Devers; Michael Burrows, *Supernum.*

N.B.—The Junior Preacher of this Circuit shall spend four week-days in each month in the Ballyclare Circuit.

42 *Coleraine,* — John Carey, Robert Jones.

43 *Magherafelt,* — Nathaniel Hobart, Thomas Orbison; John Campbell, *Super.*

44 *Lisburn,* — Robert Masaroon, James M'Kee.

45 *Downpatrick,* — Thomas Ballard.

ROBERT MASAROON, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

46 *Newry,* — John Saul, Robert Wallace; William Hamilton, James Lynch, (who resides at Warrenpoint,) *Sup.*

47 *Dungannon,* — Edward Johnston, James Kennedy; Archibald Murdoch, William Armstrong, *Super.*

48 *Armagh,* — John Holmes, Gibson M'Millen; Edward Hazleton, *Supernum.*

49 *Lurgan,* — John Hill, George Grant.

50 *Moira and Dromore.* — Edward Cobain, (who resides at Moira,) John Harrington; James Carter, David Waugh, *Super.*

51 *Tandragee,* — Robert Beauchamp, John Walker.

52 *Portadown,* — Thomas Meridith, John Oliver; John Nesbitt, *Supernumerary.*

JOHN HILL, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

IN THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Lucan & Trim*, John Feely.

IN THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

2 *Kilkenny and Tipperary*, William Cather, Anketell M. Henderson.

IN THE CORK DISTRICT.

3 *Youghal*, Robert Huston.
4 *Fermoy and Mallow*, James Henry.
5 *Kinsale & De Courcy Country*, Robinson Scott.
6 *Kerry and the Mines*, John Liddy.

IN THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

7 *Killaloe, Ennis, & Kilrush*, Robert H. Lindsay, William Hoey, 2d.; Charles M'Cormick, *Sup.*
8 *Galway*, William G. Campbell.

IN THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

9 *Castlereagh*, William Cornwall.
10 *Ballinasloe*, Samuel M'Dowell.

IN THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

11 *Barony of Erris*, Andrew Huston.

IN THE CLONES DISTRICT.

12 *Cavan*, William Keys, James Black.
N.B.—Letters to be directed to Belturbet.
13 *Bailieboro'*, William Guard.

IN THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

14 *Donegal*, Arthur Noble, Henry Geddes.

IN THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

15 *Ramelton, Letterkenny, & Stranorlar*, } Jeremiah Wilson.
16 *Newtownlimavady*, James Olliffe.

IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

17 *Ballymena and Antrim*, Benjamin Bayly.
18 *Ballycastle*, Thomas Hickey.
19 *Comber*, Robert Hewitt; John S. Wilson, (who is to be at the disposal of the Conference.)

Q. 8. What is the Number of Members in our Society?

A. Twenty-seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty, being an increase of 362.

The emigrations from our Society during the past year have amounted to Eight Hundred and Sixty-nine.

Q. 9. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Seven Hundred and Ninety-five Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Five Pence, and Twenty-nine Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Eleven Pence.

N.B.—Any deficiency in the Yearly Collection, from that of the preceding year, shall be considered a deficiency in the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 10. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. Two Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Eleven Pence.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the Collection towards the Education of the Preachers' Children?

A. Three Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and One Penny.

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Chapel Fund Collection?

A. Four Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds, Ten Shillings and Two Pence.

When the Chapel Fund was first instituted, it was hoped that the Public Collections, together with the Subscriptions in the Classes, should amount to a sum equal, on the average, to One Penny per Month, for every member in Society. But from a comparison of the number of Members with the annual amount of Income, it obviously appears that it has fallen far short of this reasonable expectation; for whilst a few of the Circuits, by a gradual improvement, have met, or nearly met, their full proportion, most of them have done comparatively little, notwithstanding their exemption from applications for the Building, or relief of Chapels, beyond the limits of their own Circuits. It is therefore recommended, that in future no Circuit shall be exempted from such applications, unless it raise annually, at least, one half the sum required by the original Rule of the Institution. Even such an increase would greatly augment the good designed to be effected by means of the Chapel Fund.

☞ To this notification the Conference earnestly request particular attention.

Q. 13. What is the amount of the Missionary Collection?

A. Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds, Six Shillings and Eleven Pence.

Q. 14. How many Wives and Children are to be provided for this year; and what is the amount expected from the Circuits to assist the increased allowance to the Superannuated Preachers and Widows?

A. Sixty-eight Wives, One Hundred and Forty-seven Children for Maintenance, and Seventy-two Children for Education, and Three Hundred and Eight Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six Pence for the Superannuated Preachers and Widows.

Q. 15. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the respective Districts, aided by grants from the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz.:—

DISTRICT.	Number in Society.	Amount for Support of Wives, Maintenance, and Education of Children, &c.			Grant from Contingent Fund.	
		£	s.	d.	£	s.
1 Dublin.....	2228	232	1	8	144	0
2 Waterford.....	1207	125	14	7	141	0
3 Cork.....	1930	201	0	10	110	0
4 Limerick.....	1014	105	12	6	82	0
5 Tullamore.....	1093	113	17	1	134	0
6 Sligo.....	1154	120	4	2	112	0
7 Clones.....	1911	199	1	3	206	0
8 Enniskillen....	3974	413	19	2	343	0
9 Londonderry..	1608	167	10	0	176	0
10 Belfast.....	4193	436	15	5	271	10
11 Newry.....	4378	456	0	10	330	10
	24690*	2571	17	6	2050	0

The sum of Two Thousand and Fifty Pounds is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1843, which has been divided among the respective Districts according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting their demands, which arrangement shall be decisive for the year.

N.B. The sum of £36 15s. will be expected from 2,940 Members on the Mission Stations, being their proportion towards the new arrangements for Superannuated Preachers and Widows.

Q. 16. Who are the Building Committee, without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no Chapel or Preacher's dwelling, whether large or small, is to be erected, altered, purchased, or enlarged, during the year?

A. William Stewart, William Ferguson, *Secretary*, Thomas Waugh, Henry Price, with Messrs. D. F. Foulkes and Isaac Farrell.

☞ All Letters on this subject to be directed to the Rev. William Ferguson, 34, Camden Street, and to be pre-paid.

* The above is the number of Members in the regular Circuits, exclusive of those on the Mission Stations. By arrangements made during Conference, the following are the number of Members on the undernamed Circuits; viz., Aughnacloy, 370; Athlone, 161; Longford, 217; Dungannon, 587; Armagh, 703; Galway Mission, 144; Castlereagh, 26.

N.B.—Although the Conference is desirous of encouraging every prudent effort to promote suitable Chapel accommodation and dwellings for the families of the Preachers; nevertheless, in order to prevent a recurrence of the embarrassments arising from Building speculations, every superintendent is solemnly charged to see that the directions contained in the preceding Minute, be strictly attended to; and if he suffer an expenditure on his Circuit of more than £20, for any of the above purposes, or any additional outlay beyond the original contract, without the explicit sanction of the Building Committee previously obtained in writing; for such neglect of official duty, he shall forfeit at least two years of the time he has travelled in the connexion, and be deemed incompetent for the office of Superintendent.

Q. 17. What Chapel is to be built this year, and for which leave has been obtained from the Building Committee?

A. One at Annalong, in the Newry Circuit.

Q. 18. Who are the Committee appointed as Trustees for Testamentary or other Deeds, relating to Donations, given for the benefit of the Methodist connexion?

A. William Ferguson, Andrew Hamilton, Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, David Waugh, Thomas Waugh, John F. Mathews, William Crook—the receipt of any one or more of whom shall be sufficient for any Bequest.

Q. 19. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to review the concerns of our Missions, previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. Mathew Tobias, William Stewart, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, Henry Price, together with the following thirteen Gentlemen:—Alexander Murphy, Joseph Young, William M'Connell, William Barlow, Belfast; Thomas Shillington, Portadown; Archibald, M'Elwain, Coleraine; William M'Arthur, Londonderry; Joseph Berry, Moira; Abraham Briscoe, Dublin; John Boyd, Cootehill; Edward Robinson, Cork; Henry Cornwall, Bandon; Thomas Tracy, Limerick.

N.B.—The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it

is practicable; and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer, the first week in December, March, and June; also the yearly accounts of the Local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

LOCAL MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS, 1842.

Dublin—William Crook, William J. Norwood.
Waterford—William Reilly, Wallace M'Mullen.
Cork—John Greer, William Lupton.
Limerick—John F. Matthews, Wm. G. Campbell.
Tullamore—Robert Bruce, William Cather.
Sligo—John Nelson, Richard T. Tracy.
Clones—John Armstrong, William Mulloy.
Enniskillen—Edward M. Banks, Arthur Noble.
Londonderry—Fossey Tackaberry, Gibson M'Millen.
Belfast—Thomas Meridith, Benjamin Bayly.
Newry—Robert Masaroon, James Tobias.

Q. 20. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. William Stewart, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, James Sullivan, John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee; William Ferguson, Secretary to the Building Committee, together with eleven brethren, not Travelling Preachers, one in each District.

Q. 21. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our several Funds?

A. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, William Reilly, Secretary, of the Contingent Fund; William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masaroon, Secretary, of the Auxiliary Fund, and the Legalized, commonly called the Preachers' Fund.

Q. 22. How shall the Yearly Collection be made more productive?

A. Inasmuch as it will be impossible to make the necessary grants from the Contingent Fund to the Circuits, unless the Yearly Collection be increased, let every Superintendent be instructed to attend to our established regulation, viz.:—to make personal application himself, or by his colleague, to every individual in all the classes on his Circuit, and that no

part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection.

N.B.—Special attention is directed to the address on this subject, printed by order of the Conference.

Q. 23. What is the determination of the Conference respecting the extension of Daily Schools throughout our connexion?

A. That there shall be formed a Wesleyan Methodist School Society for Ireland, having for its object the extension of Wesleyan Daily Schools throughout Ireland, and that our Members and Friends on each Circuit shall be earnestly solicited to give encouragement to this Institution, and contribute to its support.

The following shall be the Committee:—The President of the Conference, Thomas Waugh, William Stewart, William Ferguson, William Reilly, Robert Masaroon, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, James B. Gillman, together with the following Gentlemen—Arthur Jones, John Power, M.D., Thomas M'Mullen, Christopher Hamilton, Dublin; Thomas Shillington, Portadown; Joseph Young, Belfast; Alexander Lindsay, Londonderry; Edward Robinson, Cork; Henry Belcher, Bandon; the Rev. Walter O. Croggon, and William Maguire, of Dublin, Secretaries; Abraham Briscoe, of Dublin, Treasurer.

Q. 24. What shall be done to ensure a more correct and regular return of the number of members in Society, and the state of our several Circuits?

A. 1st.—The printed Circuit Schedules shall be filled up at every quarterly visitation of the classes, and forwarded by the Superintendents, pre-paid, to the Chairman of their respective Districts, not later than the last day of the following month.

2nd.—Each Superintendent shall produce a complete plan of the preaching places on his Circuit, and their distances from each other, at the May District Meeting, that the whole may be brought under special review preparatory to the Conference.

N.B.—The Chairmen of Districts are required to remind al the brethren of these regulations at the Financial District Meeting, and to bring those Schedules and plans with them to the Conference, that they may be forthcoming when called for.

Q. 25.—What are the Regulations of the Conference respecting young men on trial, and those who may be Candidates for admission into full connexion with our body ?

A.—The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a Sermon every year, at their respective District Meetings, during the period of their probation; and the strictest attention shall be paid to the following rules, viz :—

1st.—" The Chairman of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, all proposed to travel as preachers amongst us, but also to report distinctly in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings, after such examination, respecting their *health*, *piety*, and *moral character*, ministerial *abilities*, belief of our *doctrines*, attachment to our *discipline*, and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any Candidate, shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may forthwith be copied, if the Conference receive such Candidate upon trial, into the Book provided for that purpose.

2nd.—" The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every District Meeting, examine every Preacher on trial, respecting the course of Theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District, a list of the Books which he has read since the preceding District Meeting. These lists shall be laid before the Meeting, that the Senior Brethren may have an opportunity of giving the Junior Preachers such advices and directions, respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

3rd —" Before any Preacher having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admission into full Connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that Meeting, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, *in addition to the other Examinations*, required by our existing Rules ; and no Preacher shall be recommended, unless the result of his Examination be satisfactory to the Meeting."

N.B.—The strictest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every Candidate for the Ministry amongst us ; as no one can be received as a Preacher into our connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the Book of God. The attention of the Chairman is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of the District *Meetings.*

Q. 26.—What does the Conference continue to recommend for the promotion of the work of God in our Societies?

A.—The Conference recommmends to all the Preachers increased attention to mental improvement, to read such works as are best calculated to give information on those subjects which are connected with the important work of the Christian ministry; especially to give unremitting attention to the study of the Holy Scriptures, that, as men of God, they may be perfect, throughly furnished to all good works, and in their ministry to preach fully and faithfully all those leading and important doctrines, which God has so graciously owned from the commencement of Methodism.

The Conference earnestly recommends that, as Ministers, we should, in deep humility and unreserved devotion, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to God and his work—that we should attend more faithfully and laboriously than ever, to the preaching of the Word of Life, directing penitents to a crucified Redeemer, and urging upon believers the attainment of a full salvation, visiting our people from house to house, preaching more frequently in the mornings and in the open air, securing sufficient time for meeting all the classes regularly at the quarterly visitations, and speaking to each member as the case may require, and diligently applying ourselves to the important work of meeting and catechising the children of our people and congregations, and preaching occasional sermons for their improvement and spiritual instruction.

It is recommended that the Preachers frequently address the societies after preaching, meet and converse with the Leaders, on the state of their respective classes, give all encouragement to prayer-meetings; embrace opportunities of preaching in private houses, wherever a congregation can be collected, and appointing preaching on the week-day evenings, at such an hour that the people shall not be kept too late from their habitations.

The Conference recommends the uniform and con-

scientious observance of all our Rules of Discipline, and especially urges a particular attention to Watch-nights, private and public bands, and quarterly days of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, that the Head of the Church may pour out his Holy Spirit, that the kingdom of our God and of his Christ may be extended and established, by the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers on their most holy faith.

N.B.—The Quarterly fasts to be held according to the rule observed by the connexion in England—namely, on the first Friday, after Michaelmas, Christmas, Lady day, and Midsummer.

Q. 27.—What is the regulation of the Conference respecting the Members of Society removing from one Circuit to another?

A.—That when any of the Members of our Society shall remove from one Circuit to another, a Certificate of such removal shall be sent by the person, directed to the Superintendent of the other Circuit, and such Certificates shall be sealed.

Q. 28.—When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A.—On the third Wednesday in August.

Q. 29.—When shall the District Meetings, preparatory to the Conference be held?

A.—In the first, or at the latest, the second week in May.

Q. 30.—Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference?

A.—William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and Fossey Tackaberry.

Q. 31.—When and where shall the Committees meet preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A.—In Belfast as follows, viz:—The Committee of Chairmen of Districts, on Tuesday, the 20th of June, at one o'clock, P.M. The Stationing Committee, on Wednesday, 21st of June, at six o'clock, A.M. The Missionary Committee, on Thursday, the 22nd of June, at six o'clock, A.M. The Chapel Fund Committee, on Thursday, 22nd of June, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

N.B.—Brother J. F. Mathews, our Assistant Secretary, is *required to* attend the several Committees, previous to the *Conference.*

Q. 32.—When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A.—In Belfast, on Friday, the 23rd of June, 1843, at six o'clock, A.M.

N.B.—It is directed that special attention be given to the rule, that no Circuit shall be left without a Preacher, during the sitting of Conference.

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JAMES DIXON, PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM STEWART, SECRETARY.

Dublin, 4th July, 1842.

GENERAL VIEW

Of the NUMBER of MEMBERS and MINISTERS in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the World, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1841.

Number of Members now in Great Britain, -		328,792
Ditto in Ireland, - - - -		27,268
Ditto in our Foreign Stations, - -		84,234
Under the care of the British and Irish Conferences,		440,294
Under the care of the United States Conferences, in 1840, - - - - -		844,816
Under the care of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Canada, - - - - -		17,017
Total number of Members in the Wesleyan-Methodist Societies throughout the world, exclusive of regular Travelling Preachers, who are statedly employed in the work of the ministry,		1,302,127

N.B. The number of regular Travelling Preachers, and of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers, is as follows, viz.—

In Great Britain,		
Regular Preachers, - - -	978	
Supernumerary and Superannuated, -	132	
		1110
In Ireland,		
Regular Preachers stationed in the Circuits,	101	
Missionaries, - - - -	23	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers,	40	
		164
In the Foreign Stations,		
Regular Preachers and Assistant Missionaries now actually on the List, (besides the twenty-three Missionaries employed in Ireland, and a considerable number who are to be appointed to the vacant Foreign Stations as soon as possible), - -	331	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers,	5	
		336
In the Canada Connexion, in June, 1840,		
Regular Preachers and Supernumeraries, -		127
In the American Connexion in 1840,		
Regular Preachers in Circuits, and Missionaries to the Indians and others, -	3457	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers,	397	
		3854
Total throughout the World, - -		5591

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1842.

CIRCUITS.	No. in Society.	Yearly Collectn. Fund.			Education Fund.			Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Missionary Fund.			Emigrations
1 Dublin	1530	166	1	6	48	0	0	54	12	0	64	13	6	640	0	0	58
2 Kingstown	65	5	0	0	8	10	0	1	12	6	4	11	4	48	11	9	1
3 Drogheda	255	15	0	0	11	0	0	1	11	6	8	11	0	83	0	0	4
4 Dundalk	106	5	2	4	1	18	5	1	16	0	3	10	0	43	15	9	7
5 Wicklow	272	8	13	0	5	5	0	1	14	0	5	11	0	49	1	9	3
6 Waterford	280	27	5	0	8	17	9	8	0	0	16	0	0	124	11	0	20
7 Carlow	272	15	10	0	4	5	3	2	2	0	7	5	0	90	0	0	4
8 Newtownbarry	424	11	0	0	6	0	0	3	14	0	7	16	6	72	12	1	2
9 Wexford	231	12	0	0	6	15	0	1	11	6	9	0	0	72	0	0	2
10 Cork	740	85	3	6	15	8	0	21	5	0	25	15	10	402	17	5	65
11 Bandon	650	40	1	3	15	2	2	11	18	6	28	0	0	186	5	3	—
12 Skibbereen	406	15	11	3	3	6	9	3	6	6	8	1	11	83	0	0	13
13 Tralee	134	8	0	0	2	5	0	1	16	0	5	5	0	38	19	3	2
14 Limerick	510	33	10	0	9	18	6	11	12	6	17	5	0	114	11	10	16
15 Roscrea	310	16	16	6	10	5	1	10	12	0	14	11	6	176	15	1	3
16 Cloughjordan	194	4	7	3	2	10	4	1	11	6	2	7	7	49	7	8	11
17 Tullamore	355	10	0	0	3	14	0	4	0	0	7	5	11	83	12	1	23
18 Athlone	173	4	6	0	4	0	0	1	11	6	4	1	0	43	17	9	4
19 Maryborough	360	16	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	5	0	0	121	8	8	7
20 Longford	205	6	0	0	3	15	0	1	12	0	5	12	0	67	4	11	9
21 Sligo	565	14	0	0	5	0	0	4	10	0	11	10	0	79	9	3	15
22 Castlebar	143	5	3	2	4	5	1	2	2	0	4	10	0	57	17	5	3
23 Ballina	281	6	10	0	4	13	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	42	7	6	8
24 Boyle	165	2	10	0	1	19	0	2	0	0	1	8	6	25	19	9	—
25 Clones	610	5	10	0	3	14	0	1	12	0	5	1	4	67	18	10	19
26 Killesandra	401	2	15	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	1	15	0	21	1	5	11
27 Castleblaney	530	4	10	6	2	8	2	1	11	6	2	15	6	42	0	6	19
28 Aughnacloy	330	3	6	0	1	15	0	1	11	6	1	12	9	16	4	7	24
29 Enniskillen	835	6	9	0	3	10	0	1	11	6	4	6	10	62	0	8	12
30 Brookborough	725	5	15	0	1	16	8	1	11	6	3	10	6	33	10	6	27
31 Manorhamilton	742	7	2	0	2	15	0	1	11	6	3	1	6	32	6	11	—
32 Lowtherstown	1010	6	11	6	2	1	6	1	11	6	2	8	6	50	5	0	34
33 Pettigo	662	3	17	6	1	17	6	1	11	6	1	16	0	24	15	6	10
34 Londonderry	415	13	18	7	5	15	10	4	4	0	11	10	0	116	15	2	14
35 Strabane	647	6	7	0	3	0	0	1	11	6	2	0	0	28	14	5	54
36 Omagh	546	6	0	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	2	9	0	35	10	0	26
37 Belfast, South	654	31	10	0	13	2	0	9	0	0	18	0	0	375	0	0	10
38 —— North	752	22	8	9	5	12	1	7	13	0	9	13	8				35
39 Ballyclare	361	4	3	0	2	12	6	1	11	6	2	14	0	32	10	4	16
40 Donaghadee	484	9	1	6	5	0	0	1	11	6	6	2	6	68	8	6	4
41 Carrickfergus	307	5	16	0	7	10	0	1	16	0	6	12	0	38	12	8	11
42 Coleraine	363	6	16	0	5	11	0	2	0	0	6	0	10	69	12	5	13
43 Magherafelt	652	5	5	0	5	5	0	1	11	6	3	4	0	30	3	6	12
44 Lisburn	460	5	18	6	7	10	0	3	10	0	4	8	0	51	1	6	5
45 Downpatrick	160	2	6	0	3	0	0	1	11	6	1	8	0	23	6	1	2
46 Newry	325	5	17	10	3	18	0	3	11	0	4	7	8	71	8	4	3
47 Dungannon	548	5	6	6	2	2	6	1	11	6	2	5	10	49	8	6	24
48 Armagh	782	9	11	5	7	0	0	1	15	0	7	1	0	93	4	5	10
49 Lurgan	702	7	12	1	4	1	1	3	11	0	4	11	0	74	14	9	15
50 Moira	600	8	14	6	8	18	11	1	15	0	5	8	7	78	3	5	—
51 Tanderagee	625	8	0	0	8	2	10	1	11	6	6	5	0	72	17	9	1
52 Portadown	836	9	11	0	7	7	3	8	8	11	11	6	7	175	4	0	10
MISSION STATIONS.																	
1 Lucan and Trim	187	2	0	0	2	2	0	1	11	6	1	10	6	86	9	6	5
2 Kilkenny, &c	240	4	12	0	3	10	6	1	12	0	5	0	0	120	0	0	3
3 Youghal	107	2	8	6	1	13	6	1	12	6	4	2	2	58	8	2	21
4 Fermoy, &c	137	3	12	0	2	10	0	2	0	0	3	15	0	60	0	0	30
5 Kinsale, &c	111	3	2	8	1	15	0	1	11	6	2	0	0	43	14	11	3
6 Kerry	43	0	18	2	0	13	0	0	19	0	0	12	9	14	7	0	—
7 Killaloe, &c	209	5	10	0	4	4	0	1	11	6	3	5	0	96	0	0	18
8 Galway	170	1	12	6	1	2	6	1	11	6	2	0	0	41	0	0	20
9 Ballinasloe	142	1	3	8	1	2	6	1	11	6	1	3	1	25	17	2	8
10 Barony of Erris	30	1	6	6	0	5	3	0	10	6	0	7	6	18	10	8	—
11 Cavan	228	5	0	0	2	16	6	1	11	6	1	13	6	42	17	6	5
12 Bailieborough	149	1	10	0	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	0	0	19	0	4	9
13 Donegal	506	3	3	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	2	1	6	50	0	0	17
14 Ramelton	150	2	2	0	1	9	6	1	11	6	1	5	6	43	19	10	4
15 Newtownlimavady	106	1	4	6	1	2	8	1	11	6	1	1	6	25	14	4	15
16 Ballymena, &c	179	1	4	0	1	1	0	1	11	6	1	0	0	34	10	4	4
17 Ballycastle	90	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	21	16	10	2
18 Comber	156	1	8	0	0	14	0	1	11	6	0	14	0	20	12	0	4
Total	27630	795	18	5	351	17	1	262	12	11	447	10	2	5464	4	5	98

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year, ...	76	14	2	By Allowance to Districts, ...	2000	0	0
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THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

IRISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

Cork, July 1st, 1841.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

HAVING obtained help of God, through the toils and difficulties of another eventful year, and, by his good hand upon us, being again assembled in our Annual Conference, under a deep sense of manifold obligations, we gladly embrace the opportunity thus afforded to record our most grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God for his continued goodness,—and to you for the parental care and brotherly affection which, through all our variety of circumstances, you have unceasingly exercised towards us as a junior branch of the now widely extended Wesleyan family; and to assure you, with the utmost sincerity, of our unabated filial and fraternal respect and love.

In these times of extraordinary political excitement, and of religious strifes and assumptions, wherein many, even in high and influential quarters, depart from the faith, and turn aside unto fables, we rejoice in being identified with you in your steadfast belief and adherence to, and diligent observance of, those vitally essential and immutable doctrines and ordinances which are so explicitly taught in the holy Scriptures, and faithfully embodied in the Wesleyan theology, and which have furnished you with the grand materials of that ministry, which, through the direc-

tion and agency of the Holy Spirit, you have been enabled to exercise with such pre-eminent success, and with so much moral and spiritual advantage to the church and the world, both at home and abroad.

In your last Annual Address, which, at an early stage of the business of our Conference, was read and received by us with the most cordial and gratifying emotion, it appears that the increase of members to your societies, in Great Britain and on the Foreign Missions, amounted, during the past year, to Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Seven. This increase is rendered the more remarkable, as it remains after filling up the vacancies occasioned by death and other causes. Such vacancies, in a Connexion of nearly Four Hundred Thousand souls, must, in the course of a year, be very considerable. "What hath God wrought!" The result is matter of high congratulation, especially when it is considered that the individuals composing this large increase are not only reformed outwardly, but also, in general, inwardly changed by grace; and many thousands of them have been brought from heathen darkness and idolatry into the marvellous light and glorious liberty of the Gospel, and from the power of Satan unto God. Well may you adopt the grateful and exulting language of the Apostle, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge, by us, in every place." A further subject of congratulation we find in the increasing means and agencies for still more efficient and extensive usefulness in the evangelization of the world, with which the well-adapted system of Wesleyan Methodism is supplied by the providence of God, and the bounty of his people. May you go on in strength divine, and in your hallowed work prosper more and more, giving "glory to God in the highest," and, as instruments in his right hand, promoting, "on earth peace, good-will towards men." To the thousands and tens of thousands of your Israel who have finished their course with joy, and passed through death triumphantly to their heavenly home, and to the multitude

of the believers who yet remain, and, at different distances in the same path, are on their way thither, you may safely and satisfactorily refer as the seal of your apostleship, and the crown of your rejoicing in Christ Jesus, in that day when every man must appear in his own proper person and character before the judgment-seat of Christ, and give account of himself unto God!

"The Fathers, where are they? and the Prophets, do they live for ever?" When in our Conference reference was made to the demise of our admired and beloved ex-President, the late lamented Rev. Theophilus Lessey, the sensation produced may be more easily imagined than described. By his repeated visits and distinguished ministrations of the word of life, he became increasingly respected and endeared to our Preachers and people; but never more so than during the time of his late presidency amongst us. On that memorable occasion he appeared deeply imbued with the spirit of his heavenly Master, and the spirit of his office. His last sermon, which was founded on Isaiah lxii. 6, 7, and delivered in our Abbey-street Chapel, Dublin, to a very large, wondering, and weeping audience, with a pathos and unction from above never to be forgotten—his attention to the sittings and business of our Conference, and the interested and able manner in which he performed his presidential duties, encouraged the hope that his disease was giving way to returning health: but, alas! how have we been disappointed! We mourn our mutual loss. He was a brilliant light in the church; but the great Arbiter of life and death, who, in such matters, giveth none account of his ways, has taken him to shine in a nobler sphere. May we be also ready for our final departure, at whatsoever time the Master calls! "With God is the residue of the Spirit!"

We feel thankful to God, that he hath called us also to glory and virtue, and, having made us partakers of like precious faith with you, has given to us a part in this holy ministry, the solemn responsibilities of which we deeply feel, and the various duties of which it is our desire with diligence and fidelity to

discharge, even in the midst of dangers and difficulties, not shunning to declare, as the good spirit may teach us, the "whole counsel of God." We indeed occupy a different portion of the vineyard, and labour in a soil less favourable to evangelical cultivation than yours; yet, even in Ireland, the Great Head of the church has set before us a wide door, and effectual; and, although there are many adversaries, he has not suffered us to run or labour in vain. Every year he permits us to witness and rejoice in the conversion of sinners, and the consistent lives of justified believers, growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as the fruits of our humble ministrations. Yet these joys are not unmixed with sorrows. The continuously agitated, distracted, and impoverished state of our country, independently of other causes is a great impediment in our way and drawback upon our prosperity. In years that are gone by, we have had frequent occasion to refer to our losses by emigration; and on this occasion we regret the necessity of recurring to the same subject. Since our last Conference, Nine Hundred and Seventy-four of our members, together with their families and friends, some of them numerous, and, although not in immediate membership, subjects of our ministry, and supporters of our cause, have left our shores to seek an asylum in foreign lands. Our hearts' desire and prayer to God for them is, that they may be saved to ours or to other churches, wherever Providence may direct their way, or fix the bounds of their habitation, and that they may be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation. As to the disadvantage we suffer on these grounds, to you, comment is unnecessary. Nevertheless, after supplying the numbers thus lost by emigration, we have, by the blessing of the Lord, a net increase of Two Hundred and Twenty-one. Wherefore we thank God, and take courage. We trust in him, and know in whom we trust.

The arrival from America of our honoured and greatly beloved President, the Rev. Robert Newton, was cheering to our hearts; and after his arduous labours on that continent, and his long and perilous

voyages to and fro, we greatly rejoiced to see him in health and safety, once more presiding and preaching amongst us. Of our obligations to him for the benefit resulting to our cause from his presence and distinguished labours amongst us heretofore, and the feelings of respect, gratitude, and affection which we cherish in our hearts towards him, we find it difficult to speak; and shall only pray that he may long be spared in health and vigour to repeat to us his much desired visits as a Minister of Christ, and continue a general blessing to the church, and to the world. The Rev. John Bowers, by whom, agreeably to your appointment, our President was accompanied, we heartily rejoiced to see, and welcomed most cordially as a brother in Christ. The warm and friendly manner in which he entered into our concerns, the valuable information he communicated, together with his public ministrations of "the word of life," were to us truly gratifying and profitable. He returns with our respectful and best feelings of Christian regard; and whensoever it may suit your will and his convenience, we shall be thankful and glad to see him again amongst us.

We are happy to inform you that the brethren composing your Missionary Deputations, viz. the Rev. Messrs. Samuel Jackson, Barnabas Shaw, Thomas Martin, Thomas Cryer, and Samuel Young, were highly acceptable, and made a general blessing to our people, and to the great cause which they so ably advocated. To the active and zealous labours of these Annual Deputations, under the blessing of God, we chiefly attribute the growing interest felt throughout our land in behalf of our Missions, which appears by the gradual increase of our contributions from year to year. It affords us pleasure to state, that our regular Missionary income of the last year exceeds that of the former by nearly Two Hundred Pounds, exclusive of the special donations of our friends towards the Ashantee Missions, and towards the reduction of the Missionary debt; and means are in progress which we hope will be effectual for the increase of the regular and permanent income of the funds of our branch of the Missionary Society. In connexion with our

Irish Missions there are at present Forty-eight Daily Schools, containing upwards of Three Thousand Nine Hundred children, receiving a sound Scriptural education. Four of these schools have been added during the past year; and all of them are in hopeful operation, under the diligent supervision and judicious management of your esteemed agent, the Rev. W. O. Croggon; and means are now in progress for increasing their number in the ensuing year. The Conference have been so deeply impressed with the value and importance of Mr. Croggon's faithful and efficient services in the department you have assigned him, as the Superintendent of the Irish Missions and Schools, that they have presented him with a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks, and respectfully request his re-appointment to that office for the next year. Furthermore, the Conferenee devoutly feeling the sacred duty, and vast importance to our country, of the religious education of the young, and being desirous of co-operating with the general movement in reference to that interesting subject, have ventured to form a "Wesleyan School Society;" hoping, in the midst of all our engagements and difficulties, to be enabled to yield some aid in giving effect to the benevolent design, and generous grant of the Centenary Committee, for the further establishment of Day-Schools where they are much needed, and in those places especially where they are needed most.

Five young Ministers, who had acceptably fulfilled the term of their probation, were received with cordial unanimity into full connexion with our body; and having, in the presence of a vast assemblage, made a good confession of their Christian faith, and divine call to the ministry, they were solemnly ordained by the imposition of hands to the sacred office; the various duties, gracious encouragements, and awful responsibilities of which, were clearly set forth, and powerfully urged by the President, in the admirable and impressive Charge which he delivered to them on the following evening, in presencc of their fathers and brethren, and in the midst of a crowded congre*gation, all of* whom seemed to participate with hal-

lowed and, we trust, permanent feeling, in the sacred solemnity.

Two of our aged brethren, who had been many years superannuated, have been removed by death since our last Conference. They were graciously supported in their last moments, and departed this life in the peaceful and joyous hope of a glorious immortality. And we regret to state, that seven of our beloved fellow-labourers have this year retired from the regular work; three of them under an accumulation of years and infirmities, having travelled, one of them thirty-nine, another forty, another forty-three years in our Connexion. The fourth, who had travelled thirty-six years, has been reluctantly obliged to retire, under a serious attack of paralysis: the remaining three are suffering under temporary affliction, from which we fondly anticipate their recovery; and we hope that, by the blessing of the Lord, they will soon be enabled to resume their itinerant labours.

Nine young Preachers of "good report," approved by their Quarterly and District Meetings, as candidates for our ministry, have been provisionally received by the Conference. Five of them are appointed to Circuits; and the remaining four, we hope, may be permitted to succeed those who return to us this year from the "Theological Institution," and to enjoy the benefits of that invaluable establishment. Thus the gracious Lord is raising up and preparing other labourers to fill the ranks of our ministry, and to carry forward the great work to which he has called us in this country.

We send you, as our representatives, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and Henry Price,—brethren who are well acquainted with all our concerns; and we trust they will be acceptable to you.

We conclude, fervently praying that the Great Head of the church may preside over all your deliberations, and conduct them to such conclusions as shall, by the continued aid of his good Spirit, enable you to uphold, extend, and perpetuate that glorious work in which you are so successfully engaged.

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Irish Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, Secretary.

THE ANSWER

OF THE

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TO THE

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Manchester, August 12, 1841.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

Your Annual Address has been received by us with that interest which we have ever felt in whatever concerns you; and we resume the usual custom of reply, not as a matter of mere form, but with fervent sentiments of brotherly love, and with earnest and united prayers that, even by this limited and imperfect mode of communion, we may be helpers of each other's faith and joy.

It has pleased God, distinct as we are in the sphere of our labours, to make us one in spirit and in doctrine; and we have confidence in Him, that nothing shall ever occur to interrupt this harmony, but that it shall continue to be seen "*how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity,*" the blessing of God descending upon us, "as the dew of Hermon," and "like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments."

We receive your congratulations upon the success reported in our Minutes of the last year with grateful praise. It pleased God, during that period, to make us the savour of life unto many, and to enlarge *amongst us the* means and agencies of evangelical

usefulness in an unusual degree; and although the past year has not been marked by such very distinguished prosperity, we are not without most gratifying evidence that the God of our fathers is still with us, preserving our societies in peace, giving increasing stability to our institutions, purifying and strengthening the attachment of our beloved people to the inheritance bequeathed us by our venerable Founder, and, above all, giving efficacy to the word of His grace, in the conversion of sinners, and in the building up of believers on their most holy faith. Our increase since the last Conference is Eleven Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-Five. About one half of this number has taken place on the Mission-stations, and a portion of it also among yourselves. It is indeed a small accession to our societies, when compared with the number of the ungodly, the extent of the Divine love, the suitable instruments and opportunities which, as a section of the church of Christ, have been placed in our hands, and our extraordinary facilities and obligations for employing them; but, when we consider the value of *one* soul, the honour secured to God by its conversion, and the untold and unspeakable benefits resulting even when this is limited to a single case, it becomes us to record the increase of the past year in a spirit of joy and praise. You will join with us therefore, beloved brethren, in glorifying God, that amidst so much unworthiness, his condescending grace hath vouchsafed to us so large a measure of success; and also, in earnest prayer that the residue of the Spirit, which is with Him, may speedily be poured forth.

The state of our Mission-Fund has excited great and anxious concern. In this most holy department of our sacred enterprise, success is producing embarrassment. The Treasurers are many Thousand Pounds in advance, the amount of annual income being seriously below the expenditure; and this after faithful Missionaries have been almost heart-broken by the refusal of additional help, and half-awakened multitudes of imploring Heathen are allowed to sink back

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Since we last met, one of our brethren, the Rev. THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, has exchanged mortality for life; though for some time his sufferings were very great, he was enabled in patience to possess his soul with a hope full of immortality. Four of our aged brethren have become Supernumeraries, being, by labour and disease, incapacitated any longer to do the regular work of a Circuit. It is with pleasure, however, we state, that three of our brethren, whose personal affliction rendered them, for a season, unable to travel, are again restored to health, and have resumed their place amongst us as active labourers. Six young men, whose probationary term has expired, and who have been most affectionately and strongly recommended by their respective District Committees, have after due examination, been received into full connexion with the Conference, and by the imposition of hands, solemnly set apart to the work of the ministry;

and nine young men of piety and promise, who have been approved of by their quarterly meetings, and closely examined at their district meetings, have been by the Conference placed on the list of reserve.

As a section of the Church of Christ we enjoy peculiar advantages from our connectional character; advantages, never more gratefully felt, never more strikingly exemplified, than in the present Conference. The parental arrangements of the British Conference having secured to us the presence and judicious counsels of their highly esteemed President, the Rev. JAMES DIXON, with those of his faithful colleagues, *our long tried, well known,* and *invaluable friends,* the Rev. ROBERT NEWTON and the Rev. JOHN SCOTT: our hearts have also been cheered by the fraternal visit of two of our American brethren, the venerable Bishop SOULE, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his beloved companion, the Rev THOMAS B. SARGENT, men who appear to have been eminently fitted by the Holy Ghost, for the very important work whereunto they have been called. The public ministrations of all these distinguished preachers of God's word, have been attended by very crowded congregations, who, with the deepest attention, heard the Gospel which, through faith in Christ, is able to make them wise unto salvation.

The past year has been to many of our people one of severe trial and privation, which have been endured with patient resignation to the Divine will, and a cheerful hope of that better country, where the former things are passed away, and there are pleasures for evermore. The spirit of emigration still prevails to a great extent, insomuch that nearly nine hundred of our people have left their native land. We lament the departure of so many of our beloved charge, as we fear not a few of them may sustain much inconvenience and spiritual loss before they can get settled to their satisfaction. Notwithstanding this serious diminution of members, we have cause to thank God that his presence and blessing have been vouchsafed to us, and that we have been favoured in various places with a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Many dead

souls have been quickened, and have found salvation through faith in the blood of Christ. After supplying the vacancies occasioned by death, backslidings, and emigration, we have an increase of 362 to our Societies; and never were they more closely united in the endearing bonds of Christian affection than at present. In this union we behold the strength, beauty, and safety of the Church of God, as manifested in those who are joined to the "Lord in one spirit," who are "saved by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost." To all such, Christ hath said, "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." In order that you may shine as lights in a benighted land, "Be not slothful, but followers of them, who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises." Ye are called unto holiness, "therefore be ye holy in all manner of conversation." If you would be presented blameless in the day of the Lord, you must be a peculiar people you must come out from the worldly, and declare war against all the unfruitful works of darkness, and be always prepared to suffer as well as do the will of God. And that you may be ready at the call of Providence to enter the battle field, take unto you the whole armour of God. Let the word of God be your daily study, read it with regularity, with prayerful attention, read it in your families, and for your own edification; let it be the rule both of your faith and practice. Be men of prayer, be regular in congregational, family, and private prayer; live in the spirit of prayer, remembering that a prayer-hearing God will be ever present with a praying people. Let all your prayers be offered up through faith in the blood of atonement, for there is salvation in no other name but in the name of Jesus. Diligently attend on the public ministry of God's word, and constantly use those Scriptural helps with which you are favoured, your class meetings, love feasts, and watchnights. With regularity, with deep humility, and fervent desire approach the table of the Lord, and in faith partake of

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DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

BEING once more assembled in our Annual Conference, we embrace the opportunity thus afforded of assuring you that you live in our affections, and that we feel the deepest interest in all your concerns, so that we can truly say, we are afflicted in your afflictions, and rejoice in your prosperity; "For now we live if ye stand fast in the Lord."

Since we last met, one of our brethren, the Rev. THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, has exchanged mortality for life; though for some time his sufferings were very great, he was enabled in patience to possess his soul with a hope full of immortality. Four of our aged brethren have become Supernumeraries, being, by labour and disease, incapacitated any longer to do the regular work of a Circuit. It is with pleasure, however, we state, that three of our brethren, whose personal affliction rendered them, for a season, unable to travel, are again restored to health, and have resumed their place amongst us as active labourers. Six young men, whose probationary term has expired, and who have been most affectionately and strongly recommended by their respective District Committees, have after due examination, been received into full connexion with the Conference, and by the imposition of hands, solemnly set apart to the work of the ministry;

and nine young men of piety and promise, who have been approved of by their quarterly meetings, and closely examined at their district meetings, have been by the Conference placed on the list of reserve.

As a section of the Church of Christ we enjoy peculiar advantages from our connectional character; advantages, never more gratefully felt, never more strikingly exemplified, than in the present Conference. The parental arrangements of the British Conference having secured to us the presence and judicious counsels of their highly esteemed President, the Rev. JAMES DIXON, with those of his faithful colleagues, *our long tried, well known,* and *invaluable friends,* the Rev. ROBERT NEWTON and the Rev. JOHN SCOTT: our hearts have also been cheered by the fraternal visit of two of our American brethren, the venerable Bishop SOULE, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his beloved companion, the Rev THOMAS B. SARGENT, men who appear to have been eminently fitted by the Holy Ghost, for the very important work whereunto they have been called. The public ministrations of all these distinguished preachers of God's word, have been attended by very crowded congregations, who, with the deepest attention, heard the Gospel which, through faith in Christ, is able to make them wise unto salvation.

The past year has been to many of our people one of severe trial and privation, which have been endured with patient resignation to the Divine will, and a cheerful hope of that better country, where the former things are passed away, and there are pleasures for evermore. The spirit of emigration still prevails to a great extent, insomuch that nearly nine hundred of our people have left their native land. We lament the departure of so many of our beloved charge, as we fear not a few of them may sustain much inconvenience and spiritual loss before they can get settled to their satisfaction. Notwithstanding this serious diminution of members, we have cause to thank God that his presence and blessing have been vouchsafed to us, and that we have been favoured in various places with a *gracious* outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Many dead

souls have been quickened, and have found salvation through faith in the blood of Christ. After supplying the vacancies occasioned by death, backslidings, and emigration, we have an increase of 362 to our Societies; and never were they more closely united in the endearing bonds of Christian affection than at present. In this union we behold the strength, beauty, and safety of the Church of God, as manifested in those who are joined to the "Lord in one spirit," who are "saved by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost." To all such, Christ hath said, "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." In order that you may shine as lights in a benighted land, "Be not slothful, but followers of them, who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises." Ye are called unto holiness, "therefore be ye holy in all manner of conversation." If you would be presented blameless in the day of the Lord, you must be a peculiar people you must come out from the worldly, and declare war against all the unfruitful works of darkness, and be always prepared to suffer as well as do the will of God. And that you may be ready at the call of Providence to enter the battle field, take unto you the whole armour of God. Let the word of God be your daily study, read it with regularity, with prayerful attention, read it in your families, and for your own edification; let it be the rule both of your faith and practice. Be men of prayer, be regular in congregational, family, and private prayer; live in the spirit of prayer, remembering that a prayer-hearing God will be ever present with a praying people. Let all your prayers be offered up through faith in the blood of atonement, for there is salvation in no other name but in the name of Jesus. Diligently attend on the public ministry of God's word, and constantly use those Scriptural helps with which you are favoured, your class meetings, love feasts, and watchnights. With regularity, with deep humility, and fervent desire approach the table of the Lord, and in faith partake of

the divinely instituted memorials of that body which was broken, and that blood which was shed for you. As you have opportunity improve your mind by reading, particularly Mr. Wesley's and Mr. Fetcher's works, and such other books as directly lead to an acquaintance with your own hearts, that teach you your need of the atonement and intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ, and direct your minds from earth to heaven, from time to eternity.

Be diligent in business; no slothful man can be a truly pious man; be frugal in all your habits, in your families, your clothing, and your recreations. Whilst, however, you are examples of diligence in business, guard against one of the most awfully prevalent evils of the day, the being in haste to be rich; the engaging in mercantile speculations far, very far, beyond your capital; insolvency and ruin generally follow. "They that will be rich fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition." Remember our rule, not to take up goods without a probability of paying for them, nay a certainty, as far as business transactions can be certain. "Owe no man anything, but to love one another." Avoid all political debating societies, all political entertainments, and all unnecessary intercourse with political leaders. Whilst you exercise your civil rights, and use your influence in preserving unimpaired the constitution under which we live, do so as Christian men, as those who have sworn allegiance to the King of kings; let neither the riches, honours, or pleasures of this world bribe you to sin against God, to dishonour the name you bear. Be zealous for the glory of God, as far as in you lies endeavour to leave the world better than you found it. Use your time, your talents, your property to spread the knowledge of the Lord through the land, but do not stop here, let your benevolence embrace the whole world. We can never say, we have done our part, till the Gospel is preached in every land, and the whole of the human family is brought to bow to the sceptre of our redeeming Lord, and find salvation in his name.

Finally, Brethren, we most solemnly warn you, mark the signs of the times, and seriously consider the place you are to fill in the Church, you are specially called upon to be examples to them that believe in faith, in patience, in long suffering, and in meekness of wisdom, shewing forth, by the uprightness of your conduct, and purity of your conversation, that you are the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus; holding fast that system of doctrine delivered unto you, and in which you have been instructed; remembering the words of our Lord, which are strikingly applicable to many teachers of the present times, "But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men, and making void the law of God through their traditions." But ye, brethren, "remember them that have rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow considering the end of their conversation, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, and be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 4, 1842.

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

THE PREACHERS IN IRELAND.

*** The figures at the beginning of the lines, show the *year*, in which each Preacher began to travel; and those at the end of the lines, denotes the preacher's *first, second, &c.*, annual appointment to his present Station.

Yrs.

1834 Appelbe, W. P. *Limerick* 3
1816 Armstrong, J. *Omagh*, 1
1805 Armstrong, W. Sup. *Dungannon.*
1838 Atkins, J. H. *Belfast North* 2
1841 Bagley, J. *Tralee*, ... 1
1818 Ballard, T. *Downpatrick*, 2
1831 Bamford, R. *Manorhamilton*, ... 3
1792 Banks, R. Sup. Carlow.
1834 Banks, E. M. *Clones*, 2
1832 Bayly, B. *Ballymena*, 1
1833 Beamish, T. *Dundalk*, 1
1824 Beauchamp, R. *Tanderagee*, ... 1
1790 Bell, J. Sup. *Dublin.*
1834 Bennett, J. B. *Enniskillen*, ... 2
1836 Black, R. *Wexford*, ... 1
1837 Black, J. *Cavan*, ... 1
1839 Boyd, J. H. *Carlow*, 1
1790 Brown, T. Sup. *Belfast.*
1839 Brown, W. *Strabane*, 2
1810 Bruce, R. *Roscrea*, ... 1
1830 Burnside, W. *Ballyclare*, 1
1805 Burrows, M. Sup. *Carrickfergus.*
1809 Burrows, G. *Enniskillen*, 1
1824 Byrne, C. *Carrickfergus*, 3
1797 Campbell, A. Sup. *Dublin* 3
1812 Campbell, J. Sup. *Magherafelt.*

Yrs.

1831 Campbell, W. G. *Galway*, 2
1810 Carey, J. *Coleraine*, .. 2
1808 Carson, R. Sup. *Omagh.*
1797 Carter, J. Sup. *Moira.*
1829 Cather, W. *Kilkenny*, ... 1
1841 Cather, R. G. *Omagh*, 1
1796 Clendinnen, J. Sup. *Bideford, England.*
1810 Cobain, E. *Moira*, ... 2
1832 Cowdy, S. *Castlebar*, 1
1814 Cornwall, W. *Castlereagh* 1
1804 Crook, W. *Drogheda*, 2
1793 Crozier, R. Sup. *Enniskillen.*
1834 Darby, W. A. *Drogheda*, 2
1799 Deery, H. Sup. *Dublin.*
1840 Devers, R. A. *Carrickfergus*, ... 1
1837 Donald, Jas. *Boyle*, ... 1
1838 Donald, John, *Dublin*, 1
1796 Douglas, W. Sup. *Lowtherstown.*
1808 Downing, S. *Carlow*, 1
1840 Duncan, J. *Ballina*, ... 2
1835 Farrell, J. *Longford*, ... 1
1821 Feely, J. *Lucan*, ... 2
1818 Ffrench, P. Sup. *Cloughjordan.*
1790 Ferguson, W. Sup. *Dublin.*
1810 Finlay, W. Sup. *Strabane.*
1833 Foster, J. *Castleblaney*, 1
1808 Foote, W. *Donaghadee*, 2

	Yrs.
1832 Geddes, H. *Donegal,*	1
1841 Gibson, W. *Castleblayney*	1
1840 Gilbert, J. *Killesandra,*	2
1834 Giles, H. *Newtownbarry,*	1
1823 Gillman, J. B. *Cork,* ...	1
1835 Grant, G. *Lurgan,* ...	1
1826 Greer, J. *Cork,* ...	2
1821 Guard, W. *Bailieboro'*	2
1802 Hadden, J. *Tullamore,*	1
1789 Hamilton, A. Sup. *Bandon.*	
1788 Hamilton, W. Sup. *Newry.*	
1836 Hamilton, R. *Killesandra*	1
1810 Harman, J. Sup. *Cork.*	
1828 Harpur, E. *Strabane,*	2
1826 Harrington, J. *Moira, &c.*	1
1840 Hay, J. *Sligo,* ...	2
1809 Hazleton, E. Sup. *Armagh.*	
1841 Henderson, A. M. *Kilkenny,*	1
1826 Henry, J. *Fermoy,* ...	2
1838 Hewitt, R. *Comber,* ...	1
1835 Hickey, T. *Ballycastle,*	3
1842 Higgins, J. *Manorhamilton,*	1
1815 Hill, J. *Lurgan,* ...	1
1822 Hobart, N. *Magherafelt,*	2
1831 Hoey, W. 1st. *Lowthers-town,*	1
1840 Hoey, W. 2d. *Killaloe,*	2
1820 Holmes, J. *Armagh,* ...	2
1830 Hughes, J. *Maryboro'*	3
1835 Hughes, J. *Pettigo,* ...	1
1829 Huston, R. *Youghal,*	1
1840 Huston, A. *Erris,* ...	1
1815 Jebb, J. *Brookboro',* ...	2
1827 Jessop, R. *Wexford,* ...	2
1809 Johnson, E. *Dungannon,*	2
1808 Johnson, J. *Aughnacloy,*	2
1842 Johnson, J. K. *Pettigo,*	1
1840 Jones, R. *Coleraine,* ...	1
1806 Irvine, J. C. Sup. *Pettigo.*	
1836 Kennedy, J. *Dungannon,*	1
1787 Kerr, T. Sup. *Aughnacloy.*	
1806 Keys, W. Cavan, ...	1
1799 Kidd, W. Sup. *Dublin.*	
1806 Kyle, S. *Wicklow,* ...	1
1794 Lanktree, M. Sup. *Newtownards.*	
1825 Le Maitre, F. P. *Belfast, South,* ...	3
1834 Liddy, J. *Kerry, &c.* ...	1
1827 Lindsay, R. H. *Killaloe, &c*	2
1801 Lougheed, T. Sup. *Carlow.*	
1828 Lupton, W. *Bandon,*	1
1808 Lynch, J. Sup. *Warrenpoint.*	
1827 M'Afee, D. *Belfast, North,*	3
1807 M'Cormick, C. Sup. *Killaloe.*	
1802 M'Cutchan, J. Sup. *Omagh.*	
1808 M'Dowell, S. *Ballinasloe*	3
1801 M'Elwain, G. Sup. *Kingstown.*	
1836 M'Garvey, W. *Cloghjordan,*	2
1840 M'Kay, J. W. *Londonderry,*	1
1839 M'Kee, J. *Lisburn,* ...	2
1838 M'Millen, G. *Armagh,*	1
1841 M'Mullen, W. *Maryboro'*	1
1812 Masaroon, R. *Lisburn,*	3
1818 Mathews, J. F. *Limerick,*	2
1828 Meridith, T. *Portadown,*	1
1835 Moore, H. *Newtownbarry*	2
1829 Mulloy, W. *Lowtherstown*	2
1790 Murdoch, A. Sup. *Dungannon.*	
1833 Murdoch, J. *Castlebar,*	3
1837 Meyer, W. J. *Clones,*	1
1824 Nash, J. *Cove,* ...	3
1809 Nelson, J. *Sligo,* ...	3
1801 Nesbit, J. Sup. *Portadown.*	
1810 Noble, A. *Donegal,* ...	1
1838 Norwood, W. J. *Dublin,*	1
1841 Oliver, J. *Portadown,*	1
1805 Olliffe, J. *Newtownlimavady,*	2
1840 Orbison, T. *Magherafelt,*	1
1824 Patterson, J. *Aughnacloy,*	1
1895 Pedlow, D. Sup. *Cork.*	
1804 Phillips, R. *Longford,*	2
1823 Price, H. *Dublin,* ...	2
1808 Price, R. Sup. *Longford.*	
1808 Pratt, H. Sup. *Enniskillen.*	
1810 Reilly, W. *Waterford,*	1
1815 Richey, W. *Wicklow,*	1
1789 Ridgeway, T. Sup. *Belfast, North.*	
1837 Robinson, D. *Brookboro',*	1

	Yrs.
1803 Rogers, J. Sup. *Longford.*	
1802 Rutledge, J. Sup. *Clones.*	
1826 Saul, J. *Newry,* ...	2
1835 Scott, R. *Kinsale,* ...	1
1830 Starkey, W. *Tullamore,*	2
1814 Stephens, F. *Athlone,*	2
1800 Stewart, W. *Kingstown,*	2
1824 Sullivan, J. *Tralee,* ...	1
1822 Tackaberry. F. *Londonderry,*	1
1791 Tobias, M. Sup. *Belfast, South.*	
1829 Tobias, J. *Donaghadee,*	1
1817 Tracy, R. T. *Ballina,*	2
1835 Vance, G. *Bandon,* ...	1
1836 Wallace, R. *Newry,* ...	2
1838 Walker, J. *Tanderagee,*	1
1808 Waugh, T. *Dublin,* ...	3
1800 Waugh, D. Sup. *Moira, &c.*	
1808 Waugh, J. *Skibbereen,*	1
1840 Waugh, J. S. *Roscrea,*	1
1837 Whittaker, J. K. *Skibbereen,*	2
1823 Wilson, J. S. *Comber,*	1
1832 Wilson, J. *Ramelton, &c.*	2
1828 Williams, J. *Waterford,*	3
1789 Wood, S. Sup. *Donaghadee.*	
1840 Young, E. K. *Belfast, South.*	2

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MINUTES

OF

SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN

The Methodist Ministers

IN THE CONNEXION ESTABLISHED BY

THE LATE REV. JOHN WESLEY, A.M.,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

BEGUN IN BELFAST, FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1843.

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MINUTES.

Question 1.

are now admitted as Ministers into *full connexion* : Conference?

lliam Brown, James M'Kee.

What Preachers *remain on trial?*

ın H. Boyd, William Hoey, 2d.
ın Duncan, James S. Waugh,
ıeph W. M'Kay, Robert G. Jones,
drew Huston, John Gilbert,
ın Hay, Robert A. Devers,
omas Orbison, Edward K. Young.

These have travelled *three years.*

bert G. Cather, Wallace M'Mullen,
ın Oliver, John Bagley,
ketell M. Henderson.

These have travelled *two years.*

ın Higgins, John K. Johnston.

These have travelled *one year.*

What Preachers are now *received on trial?*

ın Charles Storey, James Collier,
ederick Elliott, Thomas Foster.

Q. 4.—What Preachers have *died* since the last Conference?

A.—The three following:—

(1.)—SAMUEL WOOD—A man who, during a long life sustained a high ministerial character amongst us. His pulpit talents were of no common order; and his literary and theological attainments, the fruit of his unwearied diligence, were so truly respectable, that for many years he was earnestly sought for, by the most important circuits in our connexion. During an unbroken succession of 48 years, he was a highly esteemed and successful labourer in our Lord's vineyard. He may have had defects, but they were out-done by his many excellencies. He lived the object of universal affection, and when reduced by an unaccountable disease to a state of mental imbecility and decay, he was regarded with a considerate and respectful sympathy. During a lucid interval, previously to his departure he exhibited satisfactory evidence of the genuineness of his piety, and of his having held fast the beginning of his confidence in God, steadfast unto the end.

He was called into the christian ministry by Mr. Wesley our venerable founder, in the year 1788, and became Supernumerary in 1836—still he continued to labour a health and circumstances admitted, until thoroughly worn out, this venerable servant of God, and of his church exchanged mortality for eternal life, Dec. 1, 1842, in th 75th year of his age.

(2.) JOHN HADDEN, who was a native of the Tandragee Circuit, in the North of Ireland. In early life h joined the Methodist society, and in the seventeenth yea of his age was made the happy subject of justifying grac through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. He became im pressed with the value and danger of immortal soul and made corresponding efforts for their salvatio He entered the regular work of our ministry in th year 1802, and laboured without interruption until withi a few days of his decease. He possessed a strong under standing, a deliberate judgement, a retentive memory, an his mind was well stored with evangelical truth. As christian his piety was deep and uniform. As a friend h was truly affectionate. As a colleague and superintendent

his worth was only known to those who had the privilege of standing in those relationships to him. As a preacher he was instructive and persuasive, especially when enforcing the necessity of a present salvation. He was seized with fever while pursuing his circuit labours, and in the short period of six days he exchanged mortality for endless bliss, at Tullamoore, in the 65th year of his age, and 42d of his ministry.

(3.) WILLIAM GIBSON, who, though educated for another ministry—his doctrinal views having undergone a change—became deeply impressed with a conviction of his call to that of our connexion. His conversion by grace was genuine, and his zeal for the salvation of souls ardent and practical. His literary attainments were respectable, and his ministerial gifts were such as to afford a promise of great usefulness in the Church of Christ. It pleased the Lord early to remove his servant from the field of toil, to "the rest that remaineth for the people of God." After labouring for 18 months, he died on the 25th of December, 1842, in the full triumph of faith.

Q. 5. Are there any objections to any of our preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are our Preachers stationed for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz.:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	Henry Price, James B. Gillman, John Walker, Edward K. Young.
	Hendrick-st.	John Hughes.
		William Ferguson, James Bell, Henry Deery, William Kidd, Archibald Campbell, George M'Ilwain, Patrick Ffrench, *Supernumeraries.*
2	*Kingston,*	George Burrows.
3	*Drogheda,*	John Nelson, Wm. P. Appelbe, A.M.
4	*Dundalk,*	Thomas Beamish.
5	*Wicklow,*	Samuel Kyle, William Richey.

JOHN NELSON, Chairman of the District.

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6	*Waterford,*	William Reilly, John Williams.
7	*Carlow,*	Samuel Downing, John H. Boyd Robert Banks, *Supernumerary.*
8	*Newtownbarry,*	Henry Giles, James Murdoch.
9	*Wexford,*	Robert Jessop, Robert Black.

WILLIAM REILLY, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

10	*Cork,*	Thomas Waugh, John Greer; Dani Pedlow, Joshua Harman, *Supers.*
	Cove,	Robinson Scott.
11	*Bandon,*	William Lupton, George Vance; An drew Hamilton, William J. Nor wood, who resides at Dunmanway *Supernumeraries.*
12	*Skibbereen,*	John Waugh, John Bagley
13	*Tralee,*	William G. Campbell.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

14	*Limerick,*	John F. Mathews, John H. Atkins.
15	*Roscrea*	Robert Bruce, James S. Waugh.
16	*Cloghjordan,*	William M'Garvey.

Letters to be directed to Borrisokane.

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

17	*Tullamoore,*	William Crook, James Hughes; Th Lougheed, John S. Wilson, *Su*
18	*Athlone,*	Robert Hewitt.
19	*Maryborough & Mountrath,*	William Starkey, Wallace M'Mull
20	*Longford,*	Richard Phillips, John Farrell; Jo Rogers, who resides at Mulling Richard Price, *Supernumeraries*

WILLIAM CROOK, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

Sligo,	Frederick P. Le Maitre, John Donald.
Castlebar,	Robert H. Lindsay, Samuel Cowdy.
Ballina,	Richard T. Tracy, Thomas Orbison.
Boyle,	Francis Stephens.

RICHARD T. TRACY, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

Clones,	Gibson M'Millen, James Collier. James Rutledge, *Super.*
Killesandra,	Robert Hamilton, Thomas Foster.
Castleblaney & Monaghan,	John Foster, John Charles Storey.
Aughnacloy,	James Johnston, James Patterson; Thomas Kerr, *Supernumerary.*

JAMES JOHNSTON, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

Enniskillen,	Claudius Byrne, William A. Darby; Robert Crozier, John Nesbitt, Jas. C. Pratt, *Supernumeraries.*
Brookborough,	John Jebb, James Donald.
Manorhamilton,	Robert Bamford, John Higgins.
Lowtherstown,	William Mulloy, William Hoey, 1st; William Douglas, *Supernumerary.*
Pettigo and Ballyshannon,	Nathaniel Hobart, John Gilbert; John C. Irvine, *Supernumerary.*

CLAUDIUS BYRNE, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

Londonderry,	Daniel M'Afee, John Duncan.
Strabane,	Edward M. Banks, Robert J. Meyer; William Finley, *Supernum.*
Omagh,	John Armstrong, John Oliver; James M'Cutcheon, Robert Carson, *Sups.*

DANIEL M'AFEE, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

Belfast South, Donegall Square, &c.	Wm. Stewart, Robert G. Cather, A.B. Matthew Tobias, Thomas Brown, *Supernumeraries.*

38 *Belfast North, Frederick-st. &c.* — Fossey Tackaberry, Joseph W. M'K Thomas Ridgeway, *Supernum.*

N.B.—The Preachers of the two prec ing Circuits shall change on one S day in every four weeks.

39 *Ballyclare,* James M'Kee.
40 *Donaghadee,* James Tobias, Robert A. Dever Matthew Lanktree, who resides Newtownards, *Supernumerary.*
41 *Carrickfergus,* Edward Cobain, William Brown; Michael Burrows, *Super.*
42 *Coleraine,* John Carey, Robert G. Jones.
43 *Magherafelt,* William Foote, James Black; Jol Campbell, *Supernumerary.*
44 *Lisburn,* Thomas Ballard, William Burnside.
45 *Downpatrick,* Edward Harpur.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

46 *Newry,* John Saul, Robert Wallace; Willia Hamilton, James Lynch, who r sides at Warrenpoint, *Supernum*
47 *Dungannon,* Edward Johnston, James Kenned Archibald Murdoch, William Ar strong, Edward Hazleton, who r sides in Moy, *Supernumeraries.*
48 *Armagh,* John Holmes, John K. Johnston, A.
49 *Lurgan,* John Hill, George Grant.
50 *Moira and Dromore,* — Robert Masaroon, who resides Moira, John Harrington; Jan Carter, D. Waugh, who resides Dromore, *Supernumeraries.*
51 *Tandragee,* Robert Beauchamp, Thomas K. Wh aker.
52 *Portadown,* Thomas Meredith, John Hay.

ROBERT MASAROON, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

IN THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Lucan & Trim*, John Feely.

IN THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

2 *Kilkenny and Tipperary*, William Cather, Anketell M. Henderson.

IN THE CORK DISTRICT.

3 *Youghal*, Robert Huston.
4 *Fermoy and Mallow*, James Henry.
5 *Kinsale & De Courcy Country*, William Hoey, 2d.
6 *Kerry & the Mines.* John Liddy.

IN THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

7 *Killaloe, Ennis & Kilrush*, James Sullivan, Frederick Elliott; Charles M'Cormick, *Supernum.*
8 *Galway*, Thomas Hickey.

IN THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

9 *Castlereagh*, William Cornwall.
10 *Ballinasloe*, John Nash.

IN THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

11 *The Barony of Erris*, David Robinson.

IN THE CLONES DISTRICT.

12 *Cavan*, William Keys, Andrew Huston.
N.B.—Letters to be directed to Belturbet.
13 *Bailieborough*, William Guard.

IN THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

14 *Donegal,* Arthur Noble, Henry Geddes.

IN THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

15 *Rathmelton, Letterkenny, and Stranorlar,* } Jeremiah Wilson.
16 *Newtownlimavady,* James Olliffe.

IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

17 *Ballymena and Antrim,* Benjamin Bayly
18 *Ballycastle,* Samuel M'Dowell.
19 *Comber,* Hugh Moore.

Q. 7. What is the number of Members in our Societies?

A. Twenty-eight Thousand and Four, being an increase of 374.

The Emigrations from our Societies during the past year have amounted to Four Hundred and Ninety-eight.

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Seven Hundred and Ninety-five Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, and One Penny; and Thirty Pounds, Ten Shillings, and Five Pence.

N.B.—Any deficiency in the Yearly Collection, from that of the preceding year, shall be considered a deficiency in the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 9. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, Ten Shillings, and One Penny.

Q. 10. What is the amount of the Collection towards the Education of the Preachers' Children?

A. Three Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds, Twelve Shillings, and Eleven Pence.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the Chapel Fund Collection?

A. Four Hundred and Forty-six Pounds, Fourteen Shillings, and Three Pence.

When the Chapel Fund was first instituted, it was oped that the Public Collections, together with the Subcriptions in the Classes, would amount to a sum equal, n the average, to One Penny per Month, for every mem-ber in Society. But from a comparison of the number of nembers with the annual amount of income, it obviously ppears that it has fallen far short of this reasonable expec-ation; for whilst a few of the Circuits, by a gradual mprovement, have met, or nearly met, their full propor-ion, most of them have done comparatively little, notwith-standing their exemption from applications for the Build-ing, or relief of Chapels, beyond the limits of their own Circuits. It is therefore recommended, that in future no Circuit shall be exempted from such applications, unless it raise annually, at least, one half the sum required by the original Rule of the Institution. Even such an in-crease would greatly augment the good designed to be effected by means of the Chapel Fund.

☞ To this notification the Conference earnestly request par-ticular attention.

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Missionary Col-lection?

A. Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds, and One Penny.

Q. 13. How many Wives and Children are to be pro-vided for this year; and what is the amount expected from the Circuits to assist the increased allowance to the Superannuated Preachers and the Widows?

A. Sixty-eight wives, one hundred and forty-eight children for maintenance, and seventy-six children for education, and three hundred and eleven pounds, seven shillings, and sixpence, for the Superannuated preachers, and the Widows.

Q. 14. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the respective Districts, aided by grants from the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz.:—

N. B.—The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer, the first week in December, March, and June; also the yearly accounts of the Local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS, 1843.

Dublin—Henry Price, William P. Appelbe, A.M.
Waterford—William Reilly, William Cather.
Cork—William Lupton, William G. Campbell.
Limerick—Robert Bruce, Thomas Hickey.
Tullamoore—John F. Mathews, John Nash.
Sligo—Richard T. Tracy, Frederick P. Le Maitre.
Clones—William Mulloy, William A. Darby.
Enniskillen—John Holmes, Gibson M'Millen.
Londonderry—Daniel M'Afee, John Oliver.
Belfast—William Stewart, Joseph W. M'Kay.
Newry—Robert Masaroon, George Grant.

Q. 19. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A William Stewart, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John Carey, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, James Sullivan, John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee; William Ferguson, Secretary to the Building Committee; together with eleven brethren not Travelling Preachers, one from each District.

Q. 20. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our several Funds?

A. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, Henry Price, Secretary, and John Saul, Assistant Secretary, of the Contingent Fund; William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masaroon, Secretary, and William Cather, Assistant Secretary, of the worn-out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows Auxiliary Fund, and Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society, *commonly* called the Legalized Fund.

Q. 21. How shall the Yearly Collection be made more productive ?

A. Inasmuch as it will be impossible to make the necessary grants from the Contingent Fund to the Circuits unless the Yearly Collection be increased, let every Superintendent be instructed to attend to our established regulation, viz. :—to make personal application himself, or by his colleague, to every individual in all the classes on his Circuit, and that no part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection.

N. B.—Special attention is directed to the address on this subject, printed by order of the Conference.

Q. 22. What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting the extension of Daily Schools throughout the Connexion ?

A. 1st—Considering the very great importance of Daily Schools throughout our connexion in Ireland, we earnestly press upon the Committee already formed, the necessity of adopting some efficient means for bringing the subject more prominently before the attention of our friends and the public, at the earliest period.

2d—That the members of the General Committee residing in Dublin, shall be a Sub-Committee for the management of the affairs of the Society throughout the year.

3rd—That the General Committee shall meet preparatory to the Conference next year in Dublin, and each succeeding year, wherever the Conference is held, to receive the report of the Sub-Committee respecting the operations of the Society.

The following are the Committee :—The President of the Conference, Thomas Waugh, William Stewart, William Ferguson, William Reilly, Robert Masaroon, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, and James B. Gillman; together with the following Gentlemen—Arthur Jones, John Power, M.D., Christopher Hamilton, Dublin; Thomas Shillington, Portadown; Joseph Young, Belfast; Alexander Lindsay, Londonderry; Edward Robinson, Cork;

and Henry Belcher, Bandon; the Rev. W. O. Croggc and Thomas M'Mullen, of Dublin, Secretaries; and Abr ham Briscoe, of Dublin, Treasurer.

Q. 23. What shall be done to ensure a more corre and regular return of the number of members in Societ and the state of the several Circuits?

A. 1st—The printed Circuit Schedules shall be fill up at every quarterly visitation of the classes, and fo warded by the Superintendents, pre-paid, to the Chairm of their respective Districts, not later than the last d of the following month.

2nd—Each Superintendent shall produce a comple plan of the preaching places on his Circuit, and their di tances from each other, at the May District Meeting, th the whole may be brought under special review prepar tory to the Conference.

Q. 24. What is the judgment of the Conference r specting a printed letter which has been lately circulate

A. A printed circular having been sent to persons Ireland, and to some individuals in England, soliciti subscriptions for a member of the Irish Conference, are constrained to declare and publish our judgment th all such letters are methodistically unconstitutional; th this Conference totally disapproves of them, and prohib the Preachers from giving their sanction in any w whatever to such circulars.

Q. 25. What are the regulations of the Conference specting young men on trial, and those who may Candidates for admission into full connexion with body?

A. The young men on trial shall each be required preach a Sermon every year, at their respective Dist Meetings, during the period of their probation; and strictest attention shall be paid to the following ru viz:—

1st—"The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not onl *examine very* minutely, in their District Meetings, all propc *to travel as* preachers amongst us, but also to report distinctl

their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings, after such examination, respecting their *health, piety,* and *moral character,* ministerial *abilities,* belief of our *doctrines,* attachment to our *discipline,* and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any Candidate, shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may be forthwith copied, if the Conference receive such Candidate upon trial, into the Book provided for that purpose.

2nd.—"The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every District Meeting, examine every Preacher on trial, respecting the course of Theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose, every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District, a list of the Books which he has read since the preceding District Meeting. These lists shall be laid before the Meeting, that the Senior Brethren may have an opportunity of giving the Junior Preachers such advices and directions, respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

3rd—"Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that Meeting, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, *in addition to the other Examinations,* required by our existing Rules; and no Preacher shall be recommended unless the result of his Examination be satisfactory to the Meeting."

N.B.—The strictest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every Candidate for the Ministry amongst us; as no one can be received as a Preacher into our connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the Book of God. The attention of the Chairman is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of the District Meetings.

Q. 26. What does the Conference continue to recommend for the promotion of the work of God in our Societies?

A. The Conference earnestly recommends to all the Preachers increased attention to mental improvement, to read such works as are best calculated to give information on those subjects which are connected with the important *work of the Christian* ministry; especially to give unre-

mitting attention to the study of the Holy Scriptu
that, as men of God, they may be perfect, throughly
nished to all good works, and in their ministry to pre
fully and faithfully all those leading and important
trines which God has so graciously owned from the c
mencement of Methodism.

The Conference earnestly recommends that, as Mi
ters, we should, in deep humility and unreserved devot
under the influence of the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourse
to God and his work—that we should attend more fa
fully and laboriously than ever to the preaching of
Word of Life, directing penitents to a crucified Redeer
and urging upon believers the attainment of a full sa
tion, visiting our people from house to house, preacl
more frequently in the mornings and in the open air,
curing sufficient time for meeting all the classes regul
at the quarterly visitations, and speaking to each men
as the case may require, and diligently applying ourse
to the important work of meeting and catechising
children of our people and congregations, and preacl
occasional sermons for their improvement and spiri
instruction.

It is recommended that the Preachers frequently adc
the societies after preaching, meet and converse with
Leaders on the state of their respective classes, give
encouragement to prayer-meetings, embrace opport
ties of preaching in private houses, wherever a congr
tion can be collected, and appointing preaching on
week-day evenings, at such an hour that the people
not be kept too late from their habitations.

The Conference recommends the uniform and cons
tious observance of all our Rules of Discipline, and
cially urges a particular attention to watch-nights, pri
and public bands, and quarterly days of humiliation,
ing, and prayer, that the Head of the Church may
out his Holy Spirit, that the Kingdom of our God
of his Christ may be extended and established, by
conversion of sinners and the edification of believe
their most holy faith.

N.B.—The Quarterly fasts to be held according to the rule observed by the connexion in England—namely, on the first Friday after Michaelmas, Christmas, Lady day, and Midsummer.

Q. 27. What are the regulations of Conference respecting the Members of Society removing from one Circuit to another?

A. 1st—When any of the members of our Society shall remove from one Circuit to another, a Certificate of such removal shall be sent by the person, directed to the Superintendent of the Circuit to which he is about to remove, and such Certificates shall be sealed.

2nd—Each Superintendent shall be required to keep a list of the names of the persons leaving his Circuit, with an account of the places to which they remove; the list to be produced at the May District Meetings, and brought by the Chairman to the Conference.

Q. 28. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the third Wednesday in August.

Q. 29. When shall the District Meetings, preparatory to the Conference be held?

A. In the first, or at the latest the second week in May.

Q. 30. Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and Robert Masaroon.

Q. 31. When and where shall the Committees meet preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Dublin, as follows, viz.:—The Committee of Chairmen of Districts, on Friday, the 21st of June, 1844, at ten o'clock, A.M.; the Daily School Committee, on Friday, *the 21st of* June, at one o'clock, P.M.; the *Stationing Committee, on* Saturday, the 22nd of June, at

six o'clock, A.M.; the Missionary Committee, on Monday the 24th of June, at six o'clock, A.M.; the Chapel Fund Committee, on Monday, 24th of June, at ten o'clock, A.M.

N.B.—Brother J. F. Mathews, our Assistant Secretary, is required to attend the several Committees, previous to the Conference.

Q. 32. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Dublin, on Tuesday, the 25th of June, 1844, at six o'clock, A.M.

N.B.—It is directed that special attention be given to the rule that no Circuit be left without a Preacher, during the sitting of Conference, who shall not remove before receiving an account of the confirmation of the stations.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

JOHN HANNAH, D.D., PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM STEWART, SECRETARY.

Belfast, 29th June, 1843.

GENERAL VIEW

Of the NUMBER of MEMBERS and MINISTERS in Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the W according to the Minutes of the British Conferenc 1842.

Number of Members now in Great Britain	-	32
Ditto in Ireland - -	-	2
Ditto in our Foreign Stations -	-	8
Under the care of the British and Irish Conferences		44
Under the care of the United States Conferences, in 1841 and 1842 - -	-	91
Total number of Members in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the world, exclusive of Regular Travelling Preachers, who are statedly employed in the work of the ministry - -	-	1,35

N.B. The number of Regular Travelling Preachers, and of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers, is as follows, *viz.*

In Great Britain,

Regular Preachers - -	-	960
Supernumerary and Superannuated	-	133

In Ireland,

Regular Preachers stationed in the Circuits		101
Missionaries - -	-	24
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers		38

In the Foreign Stations,

Regular Preachers and Assistant Missionaries now actually on the List, (besides the twenty-four Missionaries employed in Ireland, and a considerable number who are to be appointed to the vacant Foreign Stations as soon as possible) - -	-	333
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers		6

In the American Connexion in 1841,

Regular Preachers in Circuits, and Missionaries to the Indians and others	-	3,776
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers		268

Total throughout the World - -

RCUITS.	No. in Society.	Yearly Collectn. Fund.			Education Fund.			Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Missionary Fund.			Emigrations
ılln	1630	170	0	0	48	0	0	54	12	0	65	0	0	600	0	0	20
gstown ..	50	5	4	0	5	0	4	2	2	0	5	6	6	58	9	2	4
gheda.. ..	270	15	0	0	11	10	0	1	11	6	8	12	0	83	0	0	—
ıdalk	97	5	2	6	2	11	6	1	16	0	3	11	6	54	8	7	2
:klow	287	8	15	0	5	9	0	1	15	0	5	15	0	62	1	9	5
terford ..	295	27	5	6	9	0	0	8	10	0	16	3	6	102	0	0	8
low	276	12	0	0	5	0	0	1	11	6	6	12	0	83	0	4	4
vtownbarry ..	414	11	0	0	6	0	0	3	14	0	7	16	6	68	0	0	2
xford	229	12	0	0	6	0	0	1	15	0	9	0	0	78	0	0	—
'k	714	81	6	2	15	10	0	21	13	6	23	15	0	302	16	5	10
ıdon	640	40	5	2	17	3	0	12	0	0	25	7	7	147	12	1	2
bbereen ..	390	15	11	3	3	1	6	3	6	6	8	0	0	81	9	6	6
llee	66	8	0	0	2	3	4	1	11	6	4	0	0	23	10	0	3
aerick	495	32	0	0	9	16	0	10	15	0	17	6	6	111	0	4	9
screa	300	16	16	6	10	5	1	9	14	0	14	12	0	160	0	1	3
ghjordan ..	210	4	10	6	2	2	10	1	14	6	2	8	9	49	12	1	2
llamoore ..	317	8	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	68	4	6	4
llone	163	4	7	0	2	1	4	2	0	0	4	1	6	35	7	5	8
ryborough, &c.	384	14	8	10	6	0	0	6	0	0	5	0	0	128	12	6	2
ngford	220	6	0	0	4	0	0	1	11	6	15	12	0	68	10	0	4
go	575	14	0	0	5	4	0	4	0	0	11	10	0	87	15	5	0
stlebar	135	5	4	0	2	12	7	2	2	0	4	10	0	70	0	0	—
llina	281	6	10	0	3	13	2	2	0	0	5	0	0	42	7	6	14
yle	167	2	10	6	2	2	9	2	0	0	1	9	0	28	6	0	—
ones .. .	615	5	11	8	3	3	8	1	12	0	5	3	4	66	10	6	2
llesandra ..	410	2	15	0	2	0	0	1	12	0	1	16	0	25	6	4	18
stleblaney &c.	532	4	11	6	2	7	10	1	11	6	2	16	6	36	8	8	4
ghnacloy ..	378	3	7	2	1	9	4	1	11	6	2	0	6	23	0	6	9
niskillen ..	887	6	16	0	3	11	0	1	11	6	4	7	0	70	2	2	13
ookborough ..	746	5	15	6	1	17	0	1	11	6	3	11	0	33	10	8	17
norhamilton ..	760	7	2	6	1	19	5	1	11	6	3	2	6	34	5	0	—
wtherstown ..	1030	6	14	6	2	1	6	1	11	6	2	10	4	51	10	6	36
ttigo ..	665	3	17	6	1	10	9	1	11	6	1	5	0	19	7	10	22
ndonderry ..	415	13	18	7	5	15	10	3	4	0	11	10	0	116	15	6	15
rabane ..	647	6	7	0	3	0	0	1	11	6	2	0	0	33	17	6	10
nagh	591	6	10	0	3	5	0	1	11	6	3	1	0	80	5	9	15
lfast, South ..	684	33	10	0	15	2	3	10	4	7	19	10	0	264	17	4	15
— North ..	795	23	4	6	5	12	1	8	0	0	10	14	1	127	5	6	11
llyclare ..	340	4	3	0	1	19	6	1	11	6	2	14	0	29	12	9	2
naghadee ..	500	9	2	6	5	0	0	1	11	6	6	5	0	42	0	0	5
rrickfergus ..	310	5	16	0	7	10	0	1	16	0	6	12	0	40	11	7	2
leraine ..	365	6	16	0	6	8	9	2	0	0	6	4	2	87	2	0	2
agherafelt ..	652	5	5	0	5	5	6	1	11	6	3	4	0	28	0	0	14
sburn	473	7	0	0	7	10	0	3	10	0	4	10	0	60	10	0	3
wnpatrick ..	150	1	12	6	2	0	0	1	11	6	1	2	6	18	10	4	6
ewry	342	5	18	0	3	18	1	3	11	0	4	8	8	65	0	4	9
ngannon ..	577	5	7	6	2	12	0	1	11	6	2	10	0	57	9	0	30
magh	700	8	10	0	6	0	0	1	11	6	6	2	0	70	0	0	1
rgan	724	7	14	6	3	1	9	2	11	0	4	11	0	80	11	6	2
ira & Dromore	615	8	14	6	7	8	9	1	15	0	5	7	8	59	9	6	3
ndragee ..	640	8	0	0	8	5	0	1	11	6	6	10	0	70	4	9	4
rtadown ..	840	12	11	0	8	1	2	8	8	0	11	6	7	174	0	0	7
ION STATIONS.																	
ıcan and Trim	183	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	11	6	1	10	0	82	17	11	—
lkenny, &c. ..	240	5	3	0	4	2	0	1	12	0	5	0	0	103	0	0	7
ughal ..	150	3	3	0	2	5	4	1	13	6	5	10	7	72	13	7	5
rmoy, &c. ..	150	3	12	0	2	10	0	2	0	0	3	15	0	60	0	0	3
nsale, &c. ..	124	3	3	0	1	17	0	1	11	6	2	1	0	46	1	4	—
rry, &c. ..	52	1	1	8	1	2	1	0	10	6	1	3	6	21	0	11	5
llaloe ..	184	5	10	6	3	18	0	1	11	6	3	0	6	78	0	0	20
lway	144	1	10	0	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	10	0	31	4	0	—
stlereagh ..	30	1	0	6	1	0	0	0	10	6	1	0	0	17	4	4	—
llinasloe ..	130	1	4	6	1	2	6	1	11	6	1	3	0	28	15	0	1
rony of Erris.	32	1	6	6	0	4	0	0	10	6	0	5	0	14	10	9	—
van ..	200	3	10	0	1	3	9	1	11	6	1	4	11	37	19	6	6
llieboro' ..	152	1	10	0	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	0	0	18	16	7	2
negal ..	508	3	3	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	2	1	6	55	4	6	22
melton ..	150	2	2	0	1	9	6	1	11	6	1	5	6	48	5	8	—
wtownlimavady	104	1	4	6	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	0	0	26	9	0	—
llymena ..	195	1	5	5	1	3	2	1	11	6	2	5	9	34	10	4	4
llycastle ..	96	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	11	6	0	10	7	25	10	0	—
ıber.. ..	192	1	8	8	1	1	1	1	12	0	1	4	6	35	7	6	5
Total.....	29004	795	13	1	335	12	11	260	10	1	446	14	3	5298	0	1	48

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER OF THE CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year, ...	88	19	5
— Grant from British Contingent Fund, ...	650	0	0
— Do. from Auxiliary Fund, ...	250	0	0
— Do. from Book Room, ...	300	0	0
— Amount of Yearly Collection, £795 13s. 1d. and £30 10s. 5d.	826	3	6
— Cash, per W. O. C.	100	0	0
— Mrs. Shiel's Legacy, ...	3	13	6
— Balance, ...	86	0	2
	£2254	16	7

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Allowance to Districts, ...	2050	0	0
— Miscellanies, ...	101	14	4
— Grant to Limerick, ...	55	2	3
— Allowance for Furniture, and Ministerial aid to Circuits, ...	48	0	0
	£2254	16	7

N.B.—The sum £11 8s. 0d., the amount of Legacy from the late Mrs. Deaves, has been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society Fund.

Belfast, 30th June, 1843.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

IRISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

Dublin, July 4th, 1842.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

THROUGH the watchful care of divine Providence, having been safely brought to assemble again in our Annual Conference, after the toils and trials and successes of another year, it was very refreshing to our hearts to meet each other once more, and to present our united thanksgivings and prayers to Him "whom we serve in the Gospel of his Son."

The preliminary business of the Conference having been gone through, your fraternal Address was listened to with emotions of the utmost respect and affection. Fully reciprocating the sentiments of kindness and love which it contains, and deeply impressed with the fact, that, in past years, the manifestations of your friendly sympathy, have greatly contributed to preserve, not only the health, but the very *existence* of our body in this country, we hail with lively satisfaction those renewed assurances of that sympathy; and distinctly recognising in our continued union with you "the good hand of our God upon us," we thank him for the past, and take courage for the future.

For many years we have had to lament that, from a combination of causes, of which you are already aware, several hundreds of our people have been obliged to seek that shelter and subsistence in other countries, which they could not obtain in their own. Anxious as we are to be enabled to omit such information in our present Address, it becomes our painful duty to state that, by emigration alone, we have lost Eight Hundred and Sixty-Nine members in the past year. While thus bereaved of our children, it is

cheering to our hearts to know that, in those countries which they may adopt as their future home, they are not likely to be long deprived, if deprived at all, of the privileges and blessings which are consequent upon their connexion with the Wesleyan-Methodist societies. From the statements made by our transatlantic brethern, Bishop Soule, and his companion, the Rev. Thomas B. Sargent, who kindly visited us on their way to the British Conference, as well as from information previously in our possession, we doubt not that the faithful Pastors of that community will feel their responsibility to "the chief Shepherd," for those people of his flock who have left this island,—purchased by his blood, and renewed by his grace —who are thus providentially committed to their care. Consoled by this persuasion, "we part in body, not in mind," with these our spiritual children animated by the thought, that, although they are separated from us, they are not lost to the church of God; and comforted by the prospect of meeting them in heaven, where "he that soweth and he that reapeth shall" for ever "rejoice together."

Notwithstanding the great decrease thus again occasioned in our numbers, as well as losses sustained from other causes, we rejoice to be able to report an increase in our societies of Three Hundred and Sixty-Two members: an increase which, though some persons may consider it small, we cannot but regard as a renewed proof that, while many influences are against us, "God is with us," and that it "the best of all."

We have heard of the embarrassed state of your Mission Fund with the deepest concern and sympathy. While our hearts also have yearned over the millions of Heathen among whom, as yet, "Christ is not named," it has been the fervent desire and purpose of the Irish Connexion Ministers and people, from the commencement of the year practically to manifest that sympathy; and for this purpose to emulate the example of her of whom it is said "She hath done what she could." With grateful joy therefore, we are enabled to state that, besides the special donations and legacies sent to the Mission-House, through the Treasurers, in the course of the year, the increase from regular sources alone amounts to £400.

In conveying to you this intelligence, we are happy t

conviction, that this increase is owing, in no
e, (in connexion with other instrumentalities,)
ı of those Missionary Deputations, which you
s from year to year; while at the same time we
ank you for the last one, not less efficient than
former, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Bell,
raham E. Farrar, Lawry, and Squance.

our brethern have been removed by death, in
of the past year, one of whom (our highly
rother, Thomas Wade Doolittle) for several
the office of Secretary to the Conference, with
mself, and advantage to us. Four others have
ı their Itinerant labours, three of them perma-
one for the present. Meantime, although our
ranks are thus thinned, it is pleasing to add
)laces have been more than filled up. Three
ıren, who have been obliged to retire for a
'e again been appointed to Circuits; and nine
"well-reported of" for piety, zeal, and minis-
, and who were recommended by their several
ɔetings, have been accepted by the Conference,
on the List of Reserve. Six brethren, who
ırably and usefully filled up the years of their
have been fully set apart to the work of the
· the imposition of hands.

ect of Education occupied the attention of the
ɔnce at much length. The result was the for-
a "Wesleyan School Society" for Ireland.—
ıs causes, which our Representatives will ex-
ımportant Society has not been able to do much.
ɜity for Schools, however, becomes still more
d we anxiously hope the time will come, when
ave daily-schools in all the Circuits and Mis-
land.

ting to this subject, it becomes our duty again
ur deep sense of obligation to you, for the ap-
of the Rev. Walter Oke Croggon, as the Gen-
ıntendent of our Missions and Schools. His
ıt of both these departments (so vigorous and
as the Reports of the Schools, and the increase
)unt of income, will show) has ripened our re-
ɜsteem for him into affection and confidence.

The Conference, having expressed its cordial an
mous thanks to him, most earnestly requests his
ance in the office which he has filled so complete
satisfaction.

The appointment of your gifted President, t
James Dixon, to be our President, was most gr
us. Besides the ability with which he filled the
our sittings, his pulpit ministrations (rich in sanc
tellect and in evangelical truth) have been exc
instructive and profitable to ourselves, and to t
congregations who had the privilege of listening t

Of our long-known and beloved friend, the Rev
Newton, it is difficult for us to speak as we feel.
risen higher than ever in our admiration and este
we have been constrained, more than ever, "to
the grace of God in him."

The appointment also of our Missionary Treas
Rev. John Scott, to accompany the President,
highly acceptable to us. His thorough acquainta
every department of the work, his judicious ar
counsels, and the affectionate interest he has take
our concerns, have rendered his visit peculiarly se
and beneficial.

And now, fathers and brethren, what shall
say? In returning to our Circuits, the all-a
question with us is, How shall we "make full pro
ministry," by saving souls from death? How sh
live and preach as to "win souls," and "finish ou
with joy?" You are not ignorant of the "great
afflictions," which, in the present state of this d
country, we are called upon to endure: afflict
casioned, on the one hand, by unworthy jealou
merited hostility and intolerance, in quarters fro
we were led to expect very different treatment; and
of a dominant superstition, in its political and ec
cal claims, on the other. Fully alive to the soul-
ing tendency of this system, yet moved with co
towards the souls of our beloved countrymen wh
der its power, we go forth to our work "determ
to know anything among men, save Jesus Christ,
crucified." Avoiding all needless controversies, up
questions of ecclesiastical order, and shunning in o

trations what might injuriously rouse the prejudices of our fellow-countrymen, we are resolved to hold fast and preach the "form of sound words which has been delivered" to us; and thus "by manifestation of the truth," expose and condemn those "erroneous and strange doctrines," by which so many are in danger of being fatally "led away."

Deeply feeling, however, that "the best-concerted schemes," the holiest purposes, the most fervent zeal, and most unwearied and conscientious performance of duty, "are in themselves powerless, and never can succeed" without divine aid; and fully satisfied, after the labours and experience of past years, that the only remedy for the evils of Ireland, is an abundant and universal effusion of the Holy Spirit; we earnestly request an especial interest in your prayers, and in the prayers of "all the churches of the saints," on your side of the channel.

We send to you as our Representatives the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and Fossey Tackaberry; brethren whom we regard as "worthy of all honour," and in whom we have the fullest confidence.

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

THE ANSWER

OF THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE

TO

THE ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

London, 13th August, 1842.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHERN,

BEING permitted by the kind providence of God to assemble in this our Ninety-Ninth Conference, we cordially reciprocate your fraternal greetings, transmitted through your faithful Representatives, the Rev. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and Fossey Tackaberry. The two former we have known long; and lengthened acquaintance serves only to raise them in our esteem, and endear them in our affection. The latter was unknown to most of us till the present Conference; but in him also we recognise those personal virtues and ministerial qualifications which at once evince the wisdom of your choice, and challenge our esteem. We have also been refreshed by the presence of our old friend, the Rev. William Ferguson. It affords us pleasure to state that the "Master of Assemblies" has made his ministry a great blessing to many of our people.

On no former occasion, perhaps, has your Address afforded us more heartfelt satisfaction than on the present Though the bush burns, it grows, and is radiant with the presence of the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob Though your country continues to be a battle-field, where truth and error, superstition and true religion, are engaged in determined and decisive conflict,—though as far as numbers and unity of effort are concerned, error and superstition are in the ascendant,—though your efforts are slighted by mistaken friends, and violently opposed by the sagacious foe,—and though your losses through emigration *have been* great,—yet, through the abounding grace *of God, you* have been enabled to report a fair increase

In this, brethren, we do rejoice, yea, and we will rejoice. Though we wonder not that you mourn over the hundreds who annually quit your Circuits for our Colonies or the United States, it is consoling to reflect that those whom you lose become, "in the midst of many people, as a dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men." In other ages God made "the wilderness and the solitary place glad," and caused "the desert to rejoice and blossom as the rose," through means of the "holy seed," whom the power of the persecutor scattered to the ends of the earth; and He is now bringing about the same results by overruling commercial enterprise, agricultural distress, and the stagnation of trade. Whilst, therefore, you grieve over the loss of personal friends, and the impoverishing of particular societies, you do well to call to mind that your sectional loss is a gain to the general cause of the Redeemer; and that your emigrant members find, for the most part, our doctrines as fully preached, and our discipline as faithfully enforced, in the countries wherein they are strangers as they did in the land of their fathers.

We have long been aware of the sacrifices you have had to make for the interests of Methodism, and have admired the heroic cheerfulness with which you have submitted to privation and hardship in the service of your divine Master; and, while we congratulate you on the improving state of your finances, we trust you shall ere long receive the reward of your self-denial, in an entire deliverance from your remaining difficulties. The Centenary Fund now amounts to £210,000; a sum highly honourable to the pious liberality of our people throughout the world. Where all have done well, it may appear invidious to bestow special praise on any; yet we are justified in saying that, all things considered, you and your people have not been a whit behind the chiefest of our Israel in this rivalry of loving zeal. We anticipate the happiest results from the judicious appropriations which have been made out of the Fund to the various institutions of the body: of these a detailed account will be given in the forthcoming Report.

Before the assembling of another Conference, you will *have the high satisfaction* of seeing your Dublin Centen-

ary Chapel opened for divine worship. In this antic
event we feel deeply interested; and our hope is, tha
of our leading friends in England, as well as in I
will honour it with that countenance and favourab
gard to which its connexional importance entitles it.
experience and religious results of a century, demo
the peculiar adaptation of Wesleyan Methodism, to e
lize and reform the population of both kingdoms; a
confidently calculate that this important enlargem
our cause in your capital will contribute to strengt
throughout the land.

The events of each succeeding year serve to deep
conviction that, if we love Britain, and desire to s
civil liberties and Protestant institutions perpetuat
must bless Ireland with the pure word of life, with a
tural education, and with a godly ministry, which
proclaim in all her borders, a free, a full, and a p
salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
does not see, in all the palpable contrast which exis
tween the social circumstances and general charac
the inhabitants of the Popish and Protestant count
your beloved island, that truth and righteousness,
and irreligion, stand to each other in the relation of
and effect? and that to promote reformation practic
must preach reformation principles? The fields
we cultivate are wide apart, and the forms of evil whi
are called to combat, differ, somewhat in their ou
aspect; but our cause is one, and the only means wh
success can be secured are the same. The Gospel o
grace of God,—salvation by faith in Christ, pre
boldly, by faithful men, in humble dependence o
promised aid of the Holy Spirit,—is the only re
whereby "the healing of the nations" can be effecte

Conceiving that a right-principled and well-applie
tem of education is, under God, a powerful auxilia
the divinely appointed means of salvation,—we rejoi
the formation of your "Wesleyan School Society,
lament that our example in the work of educatio
hitherto been but little calculated to stimulate and
you. We are, however, waking up to a sense o
duty; as our recent progress in the Day-school de
ment indicates. The primary disease of our natu

, not in the head, but in the heart; and the remedy
ıe adapted and applied accordingly. That education
does not teach man what he is, and what he owes
l and his fellow-creatures, and which does not bring
ıto daily and necessary contact with the forms of de-
and the remedy of the Gospel, is essentially defec-
True morality exists only in connexion with the
of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus; and he only
his neighbour as himself, who loves the Lord his God
ll his heart. The Bible contains the only autho-
'e stand of morals; its motives alone are sufficient to
the sinner to renounce sin; its infinite provisions
can remove his guilt, and supply his wants; and it
r in connexion with the inculcation of its cardinal
, that we may confidently hope for the aids of the
. Let us therefore, beloved brethren, magnify the
ıres, by word and deed, in the domestic circle, and
great congregation, in our Day and in our Sunday
s. The formation of the Bible Classes, under the
f intelligent and pious Teachers, demands our most
ous attention. The number of those youths, who, in
nd attainment, have risen above the common course
ıday-school instruction, is great; the period of life
ıave reached is critical; their temptations to devote
ıbbath to worldly pleasure are numerous; and it is
ty of the church to strive, not only to prevent their
gement from the schools, but to bring them to the
ır, and into actual fellowship with his people. To
plish this on a large scale, we know of no likelier
d, than a judicious and prayerful appliance of the
class system.

he Lord buries his workmen, and carries on his
' Whether we wake or sleep, labour or loiter, we
stening to the goal of life. If in each succeeding
ve are called to rejoice over a band of youthful can-
s for the sacred ministry, so have we to mourn over
· list of holy men, who, having died "in the Lord,"
'est from their labours." Among the honoured dead
year, are three eminent Ministers, well-known to
having respectively filled the Presidential chair.—
ıames of the Rev. Joseph Entwisle, Jonathan Ed-
ın, *and Ed. Grin*drod, will be found in the execut-

cheon of Wesleyan Methodism, while gratitude glow
the hearts, or holiness shines in the lives of their sons
successors in the Gospel of Christ. By their death
are impressively reminded that neither talent, nor pi
nor well-earned honour, can exempt from the common
of man. May their mantles remain with us who survi
and may the Lord God whom they served, give us gr
to maintain and extend that great work for which, and
which, they laboured, suffered, and died! Twenty-th
of our beloved Fathers and Brethren have died during
year, besides eight who rendered up their account in
high places of the Mission field; making, with your jt
ly-revered Doolittle and his junior brother, Thir
Three in all.

The net increase of our members throughout the wo
is, Two Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-Eig
While we consider the deep commercial distress wh
has afflicted our country and its dependencies, this incre
ought to excite the liveliest gratitude to Almighty G
but our joy in the general result is greatly chastened
the fact, that, though we have had revivals in several
our home Circuits, and conversions in most of our cong
gations, there is a decrease in the British societies. T
diminution has led to "great searchings of heart:"
have endeavoured to find out its causes, have humbled o
selves before God, have supplicated his favour and
mighty aid; and are resolved, in his strength, to acqu
more personal religion, to give ourselves continually
prayer and to the ministry of the word, "publicly, a
from house to house." We purpose, also, to use grea
plainness of speech in our ministry; to give special pro
nence to the doctrines of salvation by faith, and of reg
eration by the Spirit; to aim constantly at saving o
selves and them that hear us; and lovingly, but zealou
to enjoin on the people of our charge the observance
our Quarterly Fasts, the due sanctification of the Sabba
with a regular and devout attendance on the Lord's S
per, and the solemnities of public worship. In all th
holy purposes you, beloved brethren, have probably anti
pated us: and we are assured you will cordially un
with us in earnest prayer, that our preaching everywh
may be "in demonstration of the Spirit, and in powe

and that, being filled with the Holy Ghost and with faith, we, as a body of Christian Ministers, may be "examples of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

The business of our Conference, we are happy to say, has been conducted in the spirit of love, of unity, and of concord. The word has been preached with great power, and our Ordination Services have been peculiarly solemn and impressive. On these occasions, never to be forgotten, we glorified God in our fathers and brethren; we prayed for you, and wished that you could have shared with us the showers of blessing with which our gracious Lord watered our souls.

Among other incidents, which have given a more than ordinary interest to our present Conference, we cannot omit mentioning the presence and ministerial communications of Bishop Soule, and his clerical companion, the Rev. Thomas B. Sargent, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the United States of America. From them we have had lucid and powerful expositions of those holy doctrines which, through the blessing of God on the preaching of the Wesleys, first raised our societies into existence, and which, through the continuance of the same rich blessing, still nourish our people in newness of life. In the venerable Bishop we have discerned the same benignant, self-sacrificing, and undaunted spirit which animated the fathers of our own Connexion; and from his cheering statements we have received ample evidence that Wesleyan Methodism, though varying in some adventitious circumstances, is the same in spirit, principle, and efficiency, in both communities.

We hope we shall not be thought tedious, dear brethren, if we mention also that our joy has been increased, and our spirits greatly refreshed, by a fraternal visit from the Rev. Dr. Steinkopff, of the German Lutheran Church, and the Rev. Mr. Sydow, of the same communion, and Chaplain to His Majesty the King of Prussia. In the overflowings of their brotherly love we recognize the sure evidence of union with "Jesus Christ our Lord—both theirs and ours." "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." From their interesting communications we have learned that the holy

Scriptures are rapidly circulating throughout Germany a the kingdom of Prussia; that the Missionary spirit is r only kindled, but is spreading; that the number of fai ful Ministers who oppose both Popery and neology, is the increase; and that, though there is still much to plore in the Lutheran Church, genuine piety is silen but regularly increasing among both its Clergy and lai Permit us, beloved brethren, to pledge you with ourselv to pray without ceasing for the dethronement of Antichr and for the revival and establishment of the pure princi of Protestantism in all the Churches of Christendom. God evidently intends that ours should be a witnessi church; but to give effect to our testimony, whether agai error, or in defence of essential truth, we must be a pr ing church.

In conclusion, we sincerely rejoice that your zeal in t great cause of Missions increases more and more; a that the services of the brethren who formed the De tation from the Parent Society last year, were so hig acceptable and successful. We have appointed our Pr dent, the Rev. Dr. John Hannah, to preside at your n Annual Conference; and we have directed our Secreta the Rev. Robert Newton, one of the Missionary Sec taries, and the Rev. Joseph Cusworth, to accompany hi In accordance with your wishes, in a full persuasion his fitness for the office, we have re-appointed the R W. O. Croggon as General Superintendent of your M sions and Schools.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Galland and Samuel You are appointed the Missionary Deputation to the North Ireland; the Rev. Messrs. Peter M'Owen and Cha Tucker to the South; and the Rev. Isaac Whitehous the West.

And now, brethren, we commend you, and the flock o which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to G and to the word of his grace, which is able to build up, and to give you an inheritance among all them wh are sanctified.

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

ISAAC KEELING } *Sub-Secretar*
JOHN FARRAR, }

THE

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

TO THE

METHODIST SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

DEALRY BELOVED BRETHREN,

THE spirit which pervades, animates, and unites the Christian Church into one body, especially binds us to you as the seals of our ministry and the people of our charge; we, therefore, gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded by our annual assembly of addressing you, and can truly say, "Ye are in our hearts to die and live with you"—and this we pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence, till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

The Conference commenced on the morning of June the 23d, with the usual devotional services, which were attended with a gracious visitation from on high, affording an earnest of the hallowing influence which rested upon us during all the sittings of our assembly. We were encouraged in these sacred exercises knowing that you were united with us in fervent prayers to God, that we might be counselled in all our deliberations respecting the important work in which we are engaged. Let the spirit of prayer be habitually cultivated, and then may we expect numerous, suitable, and enriching blessings.

Since our last Conference, three of our brethren have entered that rest that remaineth to the people of God. Two of them, the Rev. Samuel Wood, and the Rev. John Hadden, were venerable for their age, and highly es-

teemed for their labours and usefulness—the former h
been a Supernumerary for some years, and after mu
affliction

"Passed through death triumphant home;"—

the latter, while actively engaged in the duties of
ministry, was seized with fever, and in a few days, re
ing upon the only foundation of hope,

"Ceased at once to work and live."

A young man, who only a short time since had been
ceived as a probationer, while promising future usefuln
in the Church, was removed to a better world. H
admonitory the lessons taught by these records of m
tality; but "the memory of the just is blessed." L
us be followers of their faith, "considering the end
their conversation—Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, a
to-day, and for ever." As ministers, how eminent soev
do not continue by reason of death, the Living Head
the Church who has said, "lo, I am with you alway, e
unto the end of the world," continues to call and qual
a succession of faithful men for the service of his sa
tuary. Two young men who had acceptably and usefu
filled up their probationary years, were, after the us
examinations, solemnly, and with the cordial approbat
of their fathers and brethren, ordained to the sacred of
of the ministry by prayer and "the laying on of
hands of the presbytery." The gracious influence wh
rested on the large assembly before whom they witnes
a good confession, and the highly appropriate, instructi
and powerfully impressive charge then delivered, will
soon be forgotten.

We were greatly edified and delighted by the able a
efficient manner in which our highly esteemed and belo
President, the Rev. Dr. HANNAH, discharged the du
of his office; his public ministrations to large and att
tive audiences were accompanied by the power of
Holy Spirit, and will, we trust, be followed by last
benefits.

The Rev. Dr. NEWTON, whom we have long kn
and loved, has laid us under additional obligations;

ıe judicious counsels of the Rev. JOSEPH CUSWORTH, ith the kind interest he has taken in our affairs, will ever ; held by us in grateful remembrance. Their public inistry has, we are persuaded, left a most salutary and ermanent impression. By the visits and assistance of ıch able and esteemed ministers of the British Confer- ıce, we see the advantages of our Connexional character, ıd feel that we are one with the Wesleyan community— ıimated by the same spirit, believing the same scriptural octrines, and governed by the same form of godly iscipline.

We regret that the spirit of emigration, by which we ıve been deprived of thousands of our people in former ears, still continues, and that during the past year four hun- red and ninety-eight members of our Society have gone om the land of their fathers. But God has not left us ithout signal evidences of his presence and blessing; for ter filling up the vacancies occasioned by this and vari- us other causes, we are thankful to report an increase of ree hundred and seventy-four members above the return f last year. We fear that in too many instances our eople are not sufficiently careful to procure from their inisters "notes of removal" when circumstances require em to go to other localities; and we urge upon you ecial attention to this matter, as it will not only be the eans of giving you a proper and duly authorised intro- uction to our ministers and people, resident in those laces where Divine Providence may cast your lot, but lso, of admitting you to a participation in those religious rdinances which it is now your privilege to enjoy.

As this is a period when public attention is so much irected to the necessity of providing more amply for the terary and religious training of the rising generation, e again press upon you the propriety of maturely con- dering what means can be most successfully employed r this important purpose. A long and interesting con- ersation took place in our Conference on this subject, nd we are fully convinced that a well organised system r extending our Daily Schools would, by the blessing of od, be one of the most influential agencies which could e employed for the conservation of true Protestantism, nd *the moral and religious* improvement of the youth of

our native land. We are glad to inform you that our Schools already existing, under the able superintendence of the Rev. WALTER OKE CROGGAN, are from year to year increasing in efficiency and usefulness, and we earnestly hope that the time is not far distant when they will be made a means of extending much more widely the blessings of Scriptural Education. Our Sunday-Schools, which have been so long established, and so owned of God, have also much increased through the past year, and demand our vigilant and zealous attention.

Anxiously desiring your edification, we earnestly recommend conscientious attendance on all the appointed means of grace—the commemoration of the precious death of Christ in the holy Sacrament, the ministry of the Word, united and secret prayer, Class-meetings, and Love-feasts, for as all these are warranted by Scriptural authority, we may claim in them the presence and blessing of Almighty God. As domestic piety is essential to the Christian character, the resolution of one of old should be adopted by you—"I will walk within my house with a perfect heart." The testimony of God himself concerning the father of the faithful should be deeply pondered by every Christian parent—"I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." We are the more earnest on this point as we fear that much of the irreligion and immorality which prevail, spring from inattention to this important matter. Let then the Word of God be daily and devoutly read in your families, let prayer be offered, and let your children and servants be carefully instructed in the great truths of our holy religion. Permit us here to recommend the Wesleyan Catechisms, published by order of the Conference, and containing a summary of Scriptural truth, so clearly expressed as to suit the humblest capacity, and yet so full as to afford valuable instruction to the most experienced Christian. The sanctification of the Sabbath forms a part of that sacred code which God gave at an early period to his people, and it is easy *to trace the* connection which exists between a disregard *for this holy* institution and a total carelessness about

religion; and, therefore, we would press upon you obedience to the command—"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy:" spend not any part of that day, appointed for the solemn worship of God and the cultivation of true piety, in worldly conversation, in visiting, unless for the purpose of doing good, in walks of pleasure, or journies on secular business, for the whole day belongs to God—he claims it, and it ought to be devoted to him. "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

As the great body of our people are in business, it is now necessary, when there is unusual depression in every department to use especial caution that we be blameless in the sight of men, and to pay particular attention to that rule of our Society which relates to "borrowing without the probability of paying, and taking up goods without the probability of paying for them."

Persons, in the first instance, enter into business speculations, hoping by their successful issue to improve their circumstances. But is it, in any case, moral honesty to risk the property of others, which may, in some instances, have come into our hands chiefly because we were thought to be religious characters? The words of the apostle should deeply impress us—"They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."

The times in which we live are fraught with interest. Infidelity and vice, in all their pernicious forms, are stalking forth in proud array, various causes have induced a spirit of restlessness, and a desire for perpetual change. The whole moral world is in motion, and the constantly vigilant Church of Rome, anxious to regain her lost territory and to enlarge her possessions, is availing herself of the opportunities thus afforded; and, as the Scribes

and Pharisees in the days of our Lord, so now compassing sea and land to make proselytes, and ject the visible Church of Christ in every place usurped authority. Hence proceed the various agitation, and strife, and tumult, by which our di country has been so long and so greatly afflicte Anglo-Catholicism which continues to prevail in tablished Church of the sister island, and which h many admirers in our own land, is only a polluted proceeding from the same fountain of corruption. not regard the disruption which has recently taken the Established Church of Scotland, by which many and godly ministers have been separated from her, real cause of which is, "shall Christ be the sole his Church, which is his body, or shall he not?" other light than as the subtle working of the san christian power. If you look abroad, you must that light and darkness, holiness and sin, Chr Belial, are brought into actual collision. Whet period of final conflict be at hand or not, we ar to determine, but there never was a time when mies of Scriptural truth were more numerous o or used more efforts to prevent the overthrow of e vice and the progress of truth and righteousness, present As ministers of that section of the Cl which you belong, we consider it our duty to c attention to these things in the most solemn manr

We trust, however, you will never forget th religion is spiritual, and must therefore exist in th and so subdue, and change, and purify the huma as to induce peace of mind and holiness in all m conversation.

When a system of mere externalism is substit religion—outward ordinances for experimental the sign for the thing signified—and when the the only genuine and authoritative rule of f either forgotten or neutralised by the admixtur certain traditions, we affectionately entreat you your prayerful attention to a consideration c essential doctrines taught by the Word of God, *braced in* the standard writings of our Connexi *total depravity* of man—the Deity of Christ—

ficial death—justification by faith in his blood—regeneration—the witness of the Spirit, and entire holiness of heart, producing holiness of life. Wherever these cardinal doctrines of the Gospel are cordially believed and extend their influence, there must be a living and fruitful Church of God. To the faithful preaching of these truths by our fathers, accompanied by the power of the Holy Ghost, we owe the existence and extension of our beloved Connexion, both at home and abroad, and we believe that while we walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing, God will honour us still more abundantly.

We depart to our respective spheres of ministerial labour determined more than ever to spend and be spent in the blessed work assigned us by our Great Master. "Pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified." Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen do, and the God of peace shall be with you."

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, SECRETARY.

Belfast, June 29th, 1843.

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

THE PREACHERS IN IRELAND.

*** The figures at the beginning of the lines, show the year in which each Preacher began to travel; and those at the end denote the Preacher's *first, second, &c.*, annual appointment to his present Station.

		Yrs.
1834	Appelbe, W. P. Drogheda	1
1816	Armstrong, John, Omagh,	2
1805	Armstrong, W. *Sup.* Dungannon.	
1838	Atkins, John H. Limerick	1
1841	Bagley, John, Skibbereen	1
1818	Ballard, T. Lisburn, ...	1
1831	Bamford, R. Manorhamilton, ...	3
1792	Banks, R. *Sup.* Carlow.	
1834	Banks, E. M. Strabane,...	1
1832	Bayly B. Ballymena, ...	2
1833	Beamish, T. Dundalk, ...	2
1824	Beauchamp, R. Tandragee, ...	2
1790	Bell, J. *Sup.* Dublin.	
1836	Black, R. Wexford, ...	2
1837	Black, J. Magherafelt,...	1
1839	Boyd, J. H. Carlow, ...	2
1790	Brown, T. *Sup.* Belfast.	
1839	Brown, W. Carrickfergus,	1
1810	Bruce, R. Roscrea, ...	2
1830	Burnside, W. Lisburn, ...	1
1805	Burrows, M. *Sup.* Carrickfergus.	
1809	Burrows, G. Kingston, ...	1
1824	Byrne, C. Enniskillen,	1
1797	Campbell, A. *Sup.* Dublin.	
1812	Campbell, J. *Sup.* Magherafelt	
1831	Campbell, W. G. Tralee,	1
1810	*Carey, J. Coleraine, ...*	*3*
1808	*Carson, R. Sup.* Omagh.	
1797	Carter, J. *Sup.* Moira.	
1829	Cather, W. Kilkenny, ...	2
1841	Cather, R. G. Belfast S.	1
1796	Clendinnen, J. *Sup.* Bideford, England.	
1810	Cobain, E. Carrickfergus,	1
1843	Collier, J. Clones, ...	1
1832	Cowdy, S. Castlebar, ...	2
1814	Cornwall, W. Castlereagh,	2
1804	Crook, W. Tullamore ...	1
1793	Crozier, R. *Sup.* Enniskillen	
1834	Darby, W. A. Enniskillen,	1
1799	Deery, H. *Sup.* Dublin.	
1840	Devers, R. A. Donaghadee	1
1837	Donald, James, Brookboro'	1
1838	Donald, John, Sligo, ...	1
1796	Douglas, W. *Sup.* Lowthers-town.	
1808	Downing, S. Carlow, ...	2
1840	Duncan, J. Londonderry,	1
1843	Elliott, T. Killaloe, &c.	1
1835	Farrell, J. Longford, ...	2
1821	Feely, J. Lucan,... ...	3
1790	Ferguson, W. *Sup.* Dublin.	
1818	Ffrench, P. *Sup.* Dublin.	
1810	Finlay, W. *Sup.* Strabane.	
1833	Foster, J. Castleblaney ...	2
1843	Foster, T. Killesandra,...	1
1808	Foote, W. Magherafelt,	1
1832	Geddes, H. Donegal, ...	2
1840	Gilbert, J. Pettigo, ...	1
1834	Giles, H. Nowtownbarry,	2
1823	Gillman, J. B. Dublin,...	1

	Yrs.
nt, G. Lurgan,	... 2
er, J. Cork ...	... 3
rd, W. Bailieborough,	3
nilton, A. *Sup.* Bandon.	
nilton, W. *Sup.* Newry.	
nilton, R. Killesandra,	2
man, J. *Sup.* Cork.	
pur, E. Downpatrick,	1
rington, J. Dromore,	2
r, J. Portadown,	... 1
elton, E. *Sup.* Dunnnon.	
nderson, A. M. Kilkenny	2
ury, J. Fermoy,	... 3
witt, R. Athlone,	... 1
key, T. Galway,	... 1
gins, J. Manorhamilton	2
l, J. Lurgan,	... 2
part, N. Pettigo,	... 1
ey, W. 1st, Lowthers-	
wn, ...	... 2
ey, W. 2nd, Kinsale...	1
mes, J. Armagh,	... 3
ghes, Jas. Tullamoore,	1
ghes, John, Dublin,	... 1
ston, R. Youghal,	... 2
ston, Andrew, Cavan,	1
ne, J. C. *Sup.* Pettigo.	
b, J. Brookborough,	3
sop, R. Wexford,	... 3
nson, E. Dungannon,	3
nson, J. Aughnacloy,	3
nson, J. K. Armagh,	1
es, R. Coleraine,	... 1
nnedy, J. Dungannon,	2
rr, T. *Sup.* Aughnacloy.	
ys, W. Cavan,	... 2
ld, W. *Sup.* Dublin.	
le, S. Wicklow,	... 2
nktree, M. *Sup.* Donaghadee	
Maitre, F. P. Sligo,	... 1
ldy, J. Kerry,	... 2
ndsay, R. H. Castlebar,	1
ughheed, T. *Sup.* Tullamoore.	
pton, W. Bandon,	... 2
nch, J. *Sup.* Newry.	
Afee, D. Londonderry,	1
Cormick, C. *Sup.* Kil-aloe, *&c.*	

	Yrs.
1802 M'Cutcheon, J. *Super.* Omagh	
1806 M'Dowell, S. Ballycastle,	1
1801 M'Elwain, G. *Sup.* Dublin.	
1836 M'Garvey, W. Cloghjordan, ...	... 3
1840 M'Kay, J. W. Belfast N.	1
1839 M'Kee, J. Ballyclare,	... 1
1838 M'Millen, G. Clones,	... 1
1841 M'Mullen, W. Maryboro'	2
1812 Masaroon, R. Moira,	... 1
1818 Mathews, J. F. Limerick,	3
1828 Meredith, T. Portadown.	2
1837 Meyer, Robert, Srabane,	1
1835 Moore, H. Comber,	... 1
1829 Mulloy, W. Lowtherstown,	3
1790 Murdoch, A. *Sup.* Dungannon	
1833 Murdoch, J., Nn.barry,	... 1
1824 Nash, J. Ballinasloe,	... 1
1809 Nelson, J. Drogheda,	... 1
1801 Nesbitt, J. *Sup.* Enniskillen	
1810 Noble, A. Donegal,	... 2
1838 Norwood, W. J. *Super.* Bandon	
1841 Oliver, J. Omagh,	... 1
1805 Olliffe, J. Newtownlimavady, ...	... 3
1840 Orbison. T. Ballina,	... 1
1824 Patterson, J. Aughnacloy	2
1795 Pedlow, D. *Sup.* Cork.	
1804 Phillips, R. Longford,	... 3
1808 Pratt, J. C. *Sup.* Enniskillen	
1823 Price, H. Dublin,	... 3
1808 Price, R. *Sup.* Longford.	
1810 Reilly, W. Waterford,	... 2
1815 Richey, W. Wicklow,	... 2
1789 Ridgeway, T. *Sup.* Belfast North.	
1837 Robinson, D. Erris,	... 1.
1803 Rogers, J. *Sup.* Longford.	
1802 Rutledge, J. *Sup.* Clones.	
1826 Saul, J. Newry,	... 3
1835 Scott, R. Cove of Cork,	1
1830 Starkey, W. Maryborough	1
1814 Stephens, F. Boyle,	... 1
1800 Stewart, W. Belfast South	1
1843 Storey, J. C. Castleblaney	1
1824 Sullivan, J. Killaloe, &c.	1
1822 Tackaberry, F. Belfast N.	1
1791 Tobias, M. Sup. Belfast S.	

	Yrs.
1829 Tobias, J. Donaghadee,	2
1817 Tracy, R. T. Ballina,	3
1835 Vance, G. Bandon,	2
1836 Wallace, R. Newry,	3
1838 Walker, J. Dublin,	1
1800 Waugh, D. *Sup.* Dromore	
1808 Waugh, T. Cork,	1
1808 Waugh, J. Skibbereen,	2
1840 Waugh, J. S. Roscrea,	
1837 Whitaker, J. K. Tandrage	
1823 Wilson, J. S. *Sup.* Tullamoore.	
1832 Wilson, J. Ramelton, &c.	
1828 Williams, J. Waterford,	
1840 Young, E. K. Dublin,	

MINUTES

OF

SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN

The Methodist Ministers

IN THE CONNEXION ESTABLISHED BY

THE LATE REV. JOHN WESLEY, A.M.,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

BEGUN IN DUBLIN, TUESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1844.

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MINUTES.

QUESTION I.

Who are now admitted as Ministers INTO FULL CONNEXION WITH THE CONFERENCE?

ANSWER.

John Henry Boyd,
John Duncan,
Joseph Wm. M'Kay,
Andrew Huston,
John Hay,
Thomas Orbison.
William Hoey, the 2d.
Robert Gibson Jones,
John Gilbert,
Robert Alex. Devers,
Edward Keating Young.

Q. II. What Preachers remain on trial?

A. (1.) James Swanton Waugh, who has travelled four years, and is continued on trial solely on account of the state of his health.

(2) Robert George Cather,
John Oliver,
Anketell M. Henderson,
Wallace M'Mullan,
John Bagley,

These have travelled THREE YEARS.

John Higgins,
John Kerr Johnston.

These have travelled TWO YEARS.

John Charles Storey,
Frederick Elliott,
James Collier,
Thomas Foster.

These have travelled ONE YEAR.

Q. III. What Preachers are now received on trial?

A. Robert Bell,
George Deery,
Thomas M. M'Donald,
William Butler,
Francis Morrow,
William Lebert.

Q. IV. What Ministers have died since last Conference?

A. The three following:—

(1.)—WILLIAM HAMILTON—Who was born near the town of Newry, in 1761. He became a member of the Wesleyan Society at the age of fourteen, soon after he was brought to "the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus;" and having experienced the power and blessedness of converting grace, he began to warn others of the evil of their way, and call sinners to repentance. The consistency of his deportment, and the success which attended his endeavours to be useful, engaged the attention of the preachers, by whom he was recommended to the Rev. John Wesley; and in 1788 he received an appointment from him to the Brookborough circuit, and during a period of 29 years he was a faithful and successful labourer in the Lord's vineyard. For a considerable portion of that time he was the companion of the indefatigable Gideon Ousley and Charles Graham; and whilst he shared with them in their arduous toils and trials, he enjoyed the privilege of witnessing many blessed revivals of religion, and with them he participated in the joy of beholding many sinners turned "from darkness to light from the power of Satan unto God." Through increasing infirmities, he was, in 1816, compelled to retire from the regular work of our ministry; but during his supernumerary years he laboured, as his strength admitted, in the service of his blessed Master, and was made a blessing to many in the several localities where he resided. He was well acquainted with the Holy Scriptures, apt to teach, and possessed a happy talent of clothing sacred truth in language so plain and pleasing as to render it attractive to young persons, who were special objects of his concern, and to make it instructive and profitable to all his hearers. His discourses were characterized by originality of thought and illustration, and they seldom failed to fix attention, and leave a lasting impression upon the memory and the heart. He was zealous, patient, prayerful and persevering in the work of the Lord; nor was he suffered to run or labour in vain.

Previous to his last illness, he wrote on a blank leaf of *his Bible*—"Even now my soul is on the wing. I am ver

happy. I bless the day that I was born. What hath the world to equal this? I bid its frowns and smiles farewell, for "angels beckon me away, and Jesus bids me come."

Some of his last words were, "If I could shout that the world might hear, I would tell of the goodness and love of God my Saviour. Not a cloud! Not a cloud! Victory over death! the sting is taken away. Glory, glory to God." He died, October 8th, 1843, in the 82nd year of his age, and the 56th of his ministry.

(2.)—JOHN FARRELL, in the ninth year of his ministry. In early life he was deeply convinced of sin, and at the age of sixteen experienced redemption through the blood of Christ. His talents as a preacher were respectable, his diligence in the use of them was uniform, and his ministry successful in the awakening and conversion of sinners. He endured a painful and protracted affliction with patience. and died in great peace, February 25th, 1844, aged 32 years.

(3). THOMAS BROWN, in his early days he enjoyed the advantage of a faithful Gospel ministry, whereby, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, about the twentieth year of his age, he became the subject of God's pardoning mercy and regenerating grace through faith in Jesus Christ. No sooner was his soul made happy in the Lord than he began to feel for those whom he saw living regardless of their salvation, and remaining in that awful state of guilt and danger, out of which he had been so blessedly delivered, and, through the divine blessing on his pious efforts, many sinners were awakened and turned to the Lord. Having been for some considerable time, usefully employed as a local preacher, in 1790 he was received on trial by the Dublin Conference, and appointed to the Brookborough Circuit, and during a period of twenty-five years, he laboured with diligence, fidelity, and success, until through failure of health, he was obliged to retire from the regular work of a Circuit.

From the time he became a supernumerary, he mostly resided in Belfast, and to the utmost employed his remaining strength in the service of his blessed Master, much to the satisfaction and profit of the society. He was a

man of sound understanding, well informed mind, lively imagination, discriminating judgment, and retentive memory; a cheerful and happy Christian, a wise counsellor and a steady friend; being well acquainted with his Bible; as a preacher, he was scriptural and judicious; his manner in the pulpit was earnest, solemn, and impressive, and by argument and motive he held forth and inculcated a free, full, and present salvation through faith in Christ, and had many seals to his ministry. He was a careful superintendent, and a faithful pastor of the flock, visiting the sick, warning the unruly, comforting the feeble minded, and by his diligence and usefulness he secured the respect and love of those among whom he lived and laboured. With much patience and entire resignation to the will of God, he endured a painful and protracted illness of more than twelve months, until at length, "the weary wheels of life stood still," and in great peace, and the joyful hope of a glorious immortality he departed to "be with Christ which is far better," June 22, 1844, aged eighty years.

Q. 5. Are there any objections to any of our preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are our preachers stationed for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz.:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	Robert Masaroon, John Greer, Edward Keating Young, John Duncan.
	Hendrick-st.	John Hughes.
		William Ferguson, James Bell, Henr Deery, William Kidd, Archibal Campbell, George M'Ilwain, Arthur Noble, Patrick Ffrench, *Sup*
2	*Kingstown,*	George Burrows.
3	*Drogheda,*	John Nelson, John Holmes.
4	*Dundalk,*	Thomas Beamish.
5	*Wicklow,*	William Richey, Robert Hewitt.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6 *Waterford*, William Lupton, John Williams.
7 *Carlow*, Richard T. Tracy, John Hay; Robert Banks, *Supernumerary*.
8 *Newtownbarry*, James Murdoch, T. M. M'Donald.
9 *Wexford*, Robert Bruce, John Bagley.

RICHARD T. TRACY, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

10 *Cork*, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, James B. Gillman; Daniel Pedlow, Joshua Harman, *Supers.*

N.B.—Brother Waugh is requested to visit Dublin in the course of the year, and the other places where his visits are desired, at such times as he may find convenient.

11 *Cove*, Robinson Scott.
12 *Bandon*, John F. Mathews, John Higgins; Andrew Hamilton, *Super.*
13 *Skibbereen*, John Waugh, Frederick Elliott.
14 *Tralee*, William G. Campbell.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

15 *Limerick*, Henry Price, John H. Atkins.
16 *Roscrea*, Robert Jessop, Anketell M. Henderson.
17 *Cloughjordan*, James Henry.

N.B.—Letters to be directed to Borrisokane.

HENRY PRICE, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

18 *Tullamoore*, William Crook, James Hughes; Thomas Lougheed, John S. Wilson, *Supernumeraries.*

19	*Athlone,*	John Harrington.
20	*Maryborough and Mountrath,*	John Saul, James Kennedy.
21	*Longford,*	Francis Stephens, William Richard Phillips, John who resides at Mullingar, l Price, *Supernumeraries.*

WILLIAM CROOK, *Chairman of the Distri*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

22	*Sligo,*	Frederick P. Le Maitre, John l
23	*Castlebar,*	Robert H. Lindsay, John H
24	*Ballina,*	Samuel Downing, John Wal
25	*Boyle,*	David Robinson.

FREDERICK P. LE MAITRE, *Chairman of the Di*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

26	*Clones,*	Gibson M'Millen, William I James Rutledge, *Supernu*
27	*Killesandra,*	Robert Hamilton, Thomas Fc
28	*Castleblaney & Monaghan,*	James Black, Robert A. Deve
29	*Aughnacloy,*	James Patterson, Robert J. M

JAMES PATTERSON, *Chairman of the Distri*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT

30	*Enniskillen,*	Claudius Byrne, William A. l Robert Crozier, John M James C. Pratt, *Supernume*
31	*Brookborough,*	Samuel Kyle, Robert Wallac
32	*Manorhamilton,*	John Foster, John Gilbert.
33	*Lowtherstown,*	John Armstrong, James D William Douglas, *Super.*
34	*Pettigo and Ballyshannon,*	Nathaniel Hobart, Andrew H John C. Irvine, *Supernume*

N.B.—Letters to be directed t shannon.

CLAUDIUS BYRNE, Chairman of the *District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

35 *Londonderry,* Daniel M'Afee, George Vance.
36 *Strabane,* Edward M. Banks, John C. Storey; William Finley, *Supernumerary.*
37 *Omagh,* William Mulloy, John Oliver; James M'Cutcheon, Robert Carson, *Sups.*

DANIEL M'AFEE, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

38 *Belfast South, Donegall Sq. &c.* Wm. Stewart, Robt. G. Cather, A.B.; Matthew Tobias, *Supernumerary.*
38 *Belfast North, Frederick-st. &c.* Fossey Tackaberry, Joseph W. M'Kay; Thomas Ridgeway, *Supernumerary.*
40 *Ballyclare,* Samuel Cowdy.
41 *Donaghadee,* James Tobias, George Deery; Matthew Lanktree, who resides at Newtownards, *Supernumerary.*
42 *Carrickfergus,* Robert Black, William Brown; Michael Burrows, *Super.*
43 *Coleraine,* William P. Appelbe, A.M., Thomas K. Whitaker.
44 *Magherafelt,* William Hoey, 1st, James Collier; John Campbell, *Supernumerary.*
45 *Lisburn,* Thomas Ballard, Robert Gibson Jones; William Armstrong, *Sup.*
46 *Downpatrick,* Edward Harpur.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

47 *Newry,* John Carey, John Nash; James Lynch, who resides at Warren point, *Supernumerary.*
48 *Dungannon,* John Hill, William Hoey, 2nd; Archibald Murdoch, Edward Hazleton, who resides in Moy, *Sups.*
49 *Armagh,* George Grant, John Kerr Johnston, A.B.
50 *Lurgan,* James Johnston, James M'Kee; Thomas Kerr, *Supernumerary.*

51	*Moira and Dromore,*	Robert Beauchamp, who shall in Moira, John Jebb; Jame ter, David Waugh, who resi Dromore, *Supernumeraries*
52	*Tandragee,*	Henry Giles, Thomas Orbisor
53	*Portadown,*	Thomas Meredith, Wallace M lan; Edward Johnston, *Su*

JOHN CAREY, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

IN THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Lucan & Trim,*	Henry Geddes.
2	*Kilkenny and Tipperary,*	William Cather, James S. Wa

IN THE CORK DISTRICT.

3	*Youghal,*	Robert Huston.
4	*Fermoy and Mallow,*	William Starkey.
5	*Kinsale and De Courcy country,*	William Burnside.
6	*Kerry and the Mines,*	John Liddy, who shall chang Brother Elliott, of the Skib Circuit, one week in each

IN THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

7	*Killaloe, Ennis, & Kilrush,*	James Sullivan, John Feely; M'Cormick, who resides in bert, *Supernumerary.*
		N.B.—Letters to be directed to
8	*Galway,*	Thomas Hickey.

IN THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

9	*Castlereagh,*	William Cornwall.
10	*Ballinasloe,*	William M'Garvey.

IN THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

11	*The barony of Erris,*	Francis Morrow.

IN THE CLONES DISTRICT.

2 *Cavan*, William Guard, Robert Bell.

N.B.—Letters to be directed to Belturbet.

3 *Bailieborough*, William Keys.

IN THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

4 *Donegall*, Jeremiah Wilson, William Butler.

IN THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

5 *Rathmelton, Letterkenny, & Stranorlar*, Edward Cobain.

6 *Newtownlimavady*, Robert Bamford.

IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

7 *Ballymena and Antrim*, Benjamin Bayly.

8 *Ballycastle*, Samuel M'Dowell.

9 *Comber*, Hugh Moore.

Q. 7. What is the number of Members in our Societies?

A. Twenty-eight Thousand Four Hundred and Nine, being an increase of Four Hundred and Five.

The Emigrations from our Societies during the past year have mounted to Six Hundred and Twenty-two.

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Eight Hundred and Thirty Pounds, Three Shillings; and Thirty-one Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, and Five Pence.

N.B.—Any reduction in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year, shall be considered a deficiency in the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 9. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund.

A. Two Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds, Twelve Shillings, and Three Pence.

Q. 10. What is the amount of the Collection towards the *Education of the Preachers'* Children?

A. Three Hundred and Sixty-three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the Chapel Fund Collection?

A. Four Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Three Pence.

When the Chapel Fund was first instituted, it was hoped that the Public Collections, together with the Subscriptions in the Classes, would amount to a sum equal, on the average, to One Penny per Month, for every member in Society. But from a comparison of the number of members with the annual amount of income, it obviously appears that it has fallen far short of this reasonable expectation; for whilst a few of the Circuits, by a gradual improvement, have met, or nearly met, their full proportion, most of them have done comparatively little, notwithstanding their exemption from applications for the Building, or relief of Chapels, beyond the limits of their own Circuits. It is therefore recommended, that in future no Circuit shall be exempted from such applications, unless it raise annually, at least, one half the sum required by the original Rule of the Institution. Even such an increase would greatly augment the good designed to be effected by means of the Chapel Fund.

☞ To this notification the Conference earnestly request particular attention.

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Missionary Collection?

A. Six Thousand and Eleven Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Nine Pence, including Five Hundred Pounds amount of the Christmas Offerings.

Q. 13. How many Wives and Children are to be provided for this year; and what is the amount expected from the Circuits to assist the increased allowance to the Superannuated Preachers and the Widows?

A. Sixty-six wives, and one hundred and fifty-one children for maintenance, and eighty-two children for education; and three hundred and fifteen pounds, seventeen shillings, for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows.

Q. 14. How is this provision to be made?

the respective Districts, aided by grants from ingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz :—

RICTS.	Numbers in Society.	Amount for Support of Wives, Maintenance, and Education of Children, &c.	Grants from Contingent Fund.
lin.....	2310	240 12 6	145 0
erford.....	1210	126 0 10	139 0
k.....	1787	186 2 11	99 0
erick.....	924	96 5 0	75 0
amoore.....	1041	108 8 9	126 10
o.....	1196	124 11 8	107 0
les.....	1971	205 6 3	201 0
iskillen.....	4367	454 17 11	352 0
donderry....	1745	181 15 5	175 0
ast.....	4304	448 6 8	267 0
rry.....	4413	459 13 9	323 10
	25268*	2632 1 8	2010 0

m of Two Thousand and Ten Pounds is the estimated of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the ce of 1845, which has been divided among the Districts to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting the de- pon them, which arrangement shall be decisive for the

-The sum of £39 5s. 3d. will be expected from the mbers on the Mission Stations, being their proportion the new arrangements for Superannuated Preachers and ows.

5. Who are the building Committee, without previous consent, obtained in writing, no Chapel or er's dwelling, whether large or small, is to be , purchased, or altered during the year?
William Stewart, William Ferguson, *Secretary*, s Waugh, Robert Masaroon, with Messrs. D. F. s, Arthur Jones, and Isaac Farrell.

etters on this subject to be directed to the Rev. William n, 34, Camden-street, Dublin.

e above is the number of Members in the regular Cir- xclusive of those on the Mission Stations. By an arrange- ade during Conference, the following is the number of rs in the undernamed Circuits:—Kingstown, 42; Wicklow, *ork, 602; Cove, 73*; Armagh, 658; Tandragee, 678.

N.B.—Although the Conference is desirous of encour every prudent effort to promote suitable Chapel accommod and dwellings for the families of the Preachers, nevertheles order to prevent a recurrence of the embarrassments arising Building speculations, every Superintendent is solemnly ch to see that the directions contained in the preceding Minu strictly attended to; and if he suffer an expenditure on his cuit of more than £20, for any of the above purposes, or additional outlay beyond the original contract, without th plicit sanction of the Building Committee previously obtain writing; for such neglect of official duty, he shall forfeit at two years of the time he has travelled in the connection, ar deemed incompetent for the office of Superintendent.

Q. 16. Who are the Committee appointed as Tru for Testamentary or other Deeds relating to Dona for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion?

A. William Ferguson, Andrew Hamilton, Mathew bias, William Stewart, David Waugh, Thomas Wa John F. Mathews, William Crook, and Robert Br the receipt of any one or more of whom shall be suffi for any bequest.

Q. 17. Who are the Missionary Committee appoi to review the concerns of our Missions previously to ensuing Conference?

A. William Stewart, William Crook, Thomas Wa John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, R Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, H Price, and Fossey Tackaberry; together with the fol ing thirteen Gentlemen—Abraham Briscoe, of Dul Edward Robinson, and George Laurence, of Cork; H Cornwall, and Henry Belcher, of Bandon; James S ton, of Skibbereen; John Busteed, of Tralee; Th Tracy, of Limerick; Joseph Higgins, of Clonmel, Jo Leech, of Roscrea; Henry Banks, of Carlow; Alexa Murphy, of Belfast; and Thomas Shillington, of P down.

N.B.—The regulations recommended by the Parent S for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as practicable; and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the ral Treasurer, the first week in December, March, and also the yearly accounts of the Local Societies shall be made u *closed on the* 31st of May, and a statement thereof immedi *transmitted to* the General Treasurer in Dublin.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS, 1844.

Dublin—John Holmes, John Greer.
Waterford—Robert Bruce, William Lupton.
Cork—William Reilly, William G. Campbell.
Limerick—Henry Price, Anketell M. Henderson.
Tullamoore—John Feely, John Saul.
Sligo—Frederick P. Le Maitre, John Walker.
Clones—William A. Darby, Robert A. Devers.
Enniskillen—Robert Wallace, Gibson M'Millen.
Londonderry—Daniel M'Afee, William Mulloy.
Belfast—William Stewart, George Grant.
Newry—Fossey Tackaberry, Robert G. Cather.

Q. 18. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. William Stewart, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John Carey, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracey, John F. Mathews, James Sullivan, John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee; William Ferguson, Secretary to the Building Committee; together with eleven brethren not Travelling Preachers, one from each District.

Q. 19. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our several Funds?

A. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, Henry Price, Secretary, and John Saul, Assistant Secretary, of the Contingent Fund; William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masaroon, Secretary, and William Cather, Assistant Secretary, of the Worn-out Ministers and Ministers' Widows Auxiliary Fund, and Methodist Minister's Annuitant Society, commonly called the Legalized Fund.

Q. 20. How shall the Yearly Collection be made more productive?

A. Inasmuch as it will be impossible to make the necessary grants from the Contingent Fund to the Circuits unless the yearly collection be increased, let every Superintendent be instructed to attend to our established regulation, viz.:—to make personal application himself, or by his colleague, to every individual in all the classes on his Circuit, and that no part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection.

N.B.—Special attention is directed to the address on this subject, printed by order of the Conference.

Q. 21. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting Daily Schools?

A. The Conference continues to record its deep conviction of the duty of endeavouring to provide an efficient education in Scriptural and other useful knowledge whereever it is practicable, by the establishment of Wesleyan daily Schools. To promote this important work, it directs that each Superintendent shall bring the subject before the stewards and leaders of his Circuit or Station at the September Quarterly Meeting, and trusts that through their cordial co-operation liberal means will be provided for effecting so desirable an object.

The following are the Committee:—The President of the Conference, Thomas Waugh, William Stewart, William Ferguson, William Reilly, Robert Masaroon, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, and James B. Gillman; together with the following Gentlemen—Arthur Jones, John Power, M.D., Christopher Hamilton, Dublin; Thomas Shillington, Portadown; Joseph Young, Belfast; Alexander Lindsay, Londonderry; Edward Robinson, Cork; William Wilson, Limerick; and Henry Belcher, Bandon; the Rev. W. O. Croggon, and Thomas M'Mullen, of Dublin, Secretaries; and Abraham Briscoe, of Dublin, Treasurer.

Q. 22. What shall be done to ensure a more correct and regular return of the number of members in Society, and the state of the several Circuits?

A. 1st—The printed Circuit Schedules shall be filled up at every quarterly visitation of the classes, and forwarded by the Superintendents, pre-paid, to the Chairman of their respective Districts, not later than the last day of the following month.

2nd—Each Superintendent shall produce for consideration, a complete plan of the preaching places on his Circuit, and their distances from each other, at the May District Meeting, that the whole may be brought under special review, at the meeting of the Committee of Chairmen, preparatory to the Conference.

Q. 23. What are the regulations of Conference respecting the Members of Society removing from one Circuit *to another?*

A. 1st—When any of the members of our Society shall

remove from one Circuit to another, a Certificate of such removal shall be sent by the person, directed to the Superintendent of the Circuit to which he is about to remove, and such Certificates shall be sealed.

2nd—Each Superintendent shall be required to keep a list of the names of the persons leaving his Circuit, with an account of the places to which they remove; the list to be produced at the May District Meetings, and brought by the Chairman to the Conference.

Q. 24. What are the regulations of the Conference respecting young men on trial, and those who may be Candidates for admission into full connexion with our body?

A. The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a Sermon every year, at their respective District Meetings, during the period of their probation; and the strictest attention shall be paid to the following rules, viz.:—

1st—"The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, all proposed to travel as preachers amongst us, but also to return minutely in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings, after such examination, respecting their *health*, *piety*, *moral character*, *ministerial abilities*, belief of our *doctrines*, attachment to our *discipline*, and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any Candidate, shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may be forthwith copied, if the Conference receive such Candidate upon trial, into the Book provided for that purpose.

2nd.—"The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every District Meeting, examine every preacher on trial, respecting the course of Theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose, every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District, a list of the Books which he has read since the preceding District Meeting. These lists shall be laid before the Meeting, that the Senior Brethren may have an opportunity of giving the Junior Preachers such advices and directions, respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

3rd.—"Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that *Meeting*, *respecting* his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's

works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Note on the New Testament, *in addition to the other Examinations* required by our existing Rules; and no Preacher shall be recommended unless the result of his Examination be satisfactory to the Meeting.

N.B.—The strictest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every Candidate for the Ministry among us; as no one can be received as a Preacher into our connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the Book of God. The attention of the Chairmen is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of the District Meetings.

Q. 25. What are the means recommended by the Conference for promoting the work of God in our Societies?

A. 1st—The Conference earnestly recommends to all the Preachers increased attention to mental improvement by meditation, and prayer, and the reading of such books as are best calculated to aid them in their sacred work; more especially they advise a careful study of the Holy Scriptures, which supply the grand materials of their ministry, and that they give due prominency, in all their ministrations, to those vitally essential Gospel doctrines which God has been pleased heretofore so eminently to bless in the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers in faith and holiness.

2nd—That, as ministers of Christ, we should, in deep humility, and with increased earnestness, implore the aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit, whilst we dedicate ourselves afresh and more fully to our hallowed work in holding forth the Word of Life, directing penitents to a crucified Redeemer, and urging upon believers the attainment of a full salvation, visiting our people from house to house; preaching more frequently in the mornings and in the open air, securing sufficient time for meeting all the classes regularly at the quarterly visitations, and speaking to each member as the case may require, and diligently applying ourselves to the important work of meeting and catechising the children of our people and congregations, and preaching occasional sermons for their improvement and spiritual instruction.

3rdly—That we frequently meet the Societies, after *preaching*, on the Sabbath evenings—examine the Class *Books*, and converse with the Leaders on the state

their respective Classes, at our weekly meetings—give all encouragement to prayer meetings, wherever they can be conveniently held—and embrace opportunities of preaching in private houses, wherever a congregation can be collected, and appointing preaching on the week-day evenings, at such an hour that the people shall not be kept too late from their habitations.

4thly—The Conference further recommends the uniform and consciencious observance of all our Rules of Discipline, and especially urges a particular attention to watch-nights, private and public bands, and quarterly days of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, that the Head of the Church may pour out his Holy Spirit, that the Kingdom of our God and of his Christ may be extended and established in the earth.

N.B.—The Quarterly fasts to be held according to the rule observed by the connexion in England—namely, on the first Friday after Michaelmas, Christmas, Lady day, and Midsummer.

Q. 26. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the third Wednesday in August.

Q. 27. When shall the District Meetings, preparatory to the Conference be held?

A. In the first, or at the latest the second week in May.

Q. 28. Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and John Nelson.

Q. 29. When and where shall the Committees meet, preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Cork, as follows, viz.:—The Daily School Committee, on Friday, the 20th of June, 1845, at ten o'clock, A.M.; the Missionary Committee, on Friday, 20th of June, at two o'clock, P.M.; the Chapel Fund Committee, on Saturday, 21st of June, at ten o'clock, A.M.; the Committee of Chairmen of Districts, on Monday, 23rd June, at ten o'clock, A.M.; the Stationing Committee, on Monday, 23rd June, at two o'clock, P.M., and Tuesday, 24th June.

N.B.—Brother J. F. Mathews, our Assistant Secretary, is re-

quired to attend the several Committees, previous to the Conference.

Q. 30. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Cork, on Wednesday, the 25th of June, 1845, at six o'clock, A.M.

N.B.—It is directed that special attention be given to the rule, that no Circuit be left without a Preacher, during the sitting of Conference; and those who remain on the Circuits shall not remove, until officially notified of the confirmation of the stations for the ensuing year. The Chairmen of Districts shall be responsible for the observance of this rule.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

JOHN SCOTT, PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM STEWART, SECRETARY.

Dublin, July 1, 1844.

GENERAL VIEW

Of the NUMBER of MEMBERS and MINISTERS in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the World, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1843.

			Nos.
Number of Members now in Great Britain,			331,024
Ditto in Ireland,			28,004
Ditto in our Foreign Stations,			92,258
Under the care of the British and Irish Conferences,			451,286
Under the care of the United States' Conferences, in 1842,			1,008,901
Under the care of the Canadian Conference (not including our own Missions in Canada),			19,000
Total number of Members in the Wesleyan-Methodist Societies throughout the world, exclusive of Regular Ministers who are statedly employed in the work of the ministry,			1,479,187

N.B. The number of Regular Ministers, and of those who are Supernumerary and Superannuated, is as follows; *viz.*:—

In Great Britain,			
Ministers,	964		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated,	141		
			1,105
In Ireland,			
Ministers stationed in the Circuits,	101		
Missionaries,	24		
Supernumerary and Superannuated Ministers,	38		
			163
In the Foreign Stations,			
Ministers and Assistant Missionaries now actually on the List, (besides the twenty-four Missionaries employed in Ireland, and a considerable number who are to be appointed to the vacant Foreign Stations as soon as possible),	361		
Supernumerary and Superannuated Ministers,	9		
			370
In the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, in 1842,			
Ministers in Circuits, and Missionaries to the Indians and others,	3,933		
Supernumerary and Superannuated Ministers,	301		
			4,234
Total throughout the World (not including the Ministers in connexion with the Canada Conference, of whom we have no returns)			5,872

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1844.

CIRCUITS.	No. in Society.	Yearly Collectn. Fund.			Educa. tion Fund.			Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Missi ary Fund
1 Dublin, ...	1600	178	18	10	61	0	0	61	5	0	66	17	8	603
2 Kingstown, ..	53	5	4	0	7	3	0	2	5	0	5	6	6	48
3 Drogheda, ..	280	15	0	0	9	10	0	1	11	6	8	12	0	84
4 Dundalk, ..	97	5	2	6	3	16	10	1	16	0	3	11	6	41
5 Wicklow, ..	300	9	0	0	6	0	0	1	15	0	6	0	0	85
6 Waterford, ..	297	27	3	0	10	0	0	7	0	0	16	2	8	119
7 Carlow, ...	280	12	0	0	5	0	0	1	11	6	6	7	6	85
8 Newtownbarry, ..	405	11	10	0	6	5	0	2	2	0	8	0	0	96
9 Wexford, ..	228	12	0	0	6	0	0	1	11	6	7	12	0	96
10 Cork, ...	675	96	1	6	15	0	0	23	10	0	28	16	6	316
11 Bandon, ...	641	40	7	6	17	4	0	12	4	0	25	0	0	189
12 Skibbereen, ..	384	15	15	0	6	1	0	3	7	6	8	0	0	100
13 Tralee, ...	87	8	0	0	2	8	5	1	11	6	4	0	0	37
14 Limerick, ..	466	32	1	0	9	16	0	10	16	0	17	6	6	122
15 Roscrea, ...	266	16	16	6	8	10	0	9	14	0	14	7	6	166
16 Cloghjordan, ..	102	4	17	0	1	15	4	1	11	6	2	16	5	48
17 Tullamoore, ..	270	8	0	0	3	13	0	2	1	0	5	2	6	70
18 Athlone, ...	163	4	8	0	2	4	2	2	1	2	4	1	10	48
19 Maryborough, &c.	384	14	10	0	4	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	124
20 Longford, ..	224	6	0	0	3	11	2	1	11	6	5	5	5	71
21 Sligo, ...	580	14	0	0	7	10	10	4	0	0	11	10	0	98
22 Castlebar, ..	130	5	4	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	4	11	0	45
23 Ballina, ...	283	6	10	0	4	0	9	2	1	6	5	0	0	46
24 Boyle, ...	203	2	15	0	2	5	0	2	0	0	1	12	6	32
25 Clones, ...	630	5	12	2	4	6	7	1	13	6	6	2	4	88
26 Killesandra, ..	420	2	15	0	2	0	0	1	12	0	1	18	0	33
27 Castleblaney, &c. ..	548	4	12	0	2	10	0	1	17	6	3	0	0	38
28 Aughnacloy, ..	373	3	7	0	1	10	0	1	11	6	1	12	6	20
29 Enniskillen, ..	971	6	12	0	3	12	0	1	12	0	4	10	0	83
30 Brookborough, ..	736	5	15	6	1	17	0	1	11	6	3	11	0	34
31 Manorhamilton, ..	865	7	5	0	1	10	6	1	11	6	3	5	6	56
32 Lowtherstown, ..	1130	6	15	0	2	1	6	1	11	6	2	11	0	56
33 Pettigo, &c. ..	665	3	18	0	1	10	0	1	11	6	1	5	0	21
34 Londonderry, ..	398	13	18	7	5	6	5	3	9	3	11	12	6	100
35 Strabane, ..	647	6	12	0	3	0	0	1	11	6	2	10	10	48
36 Omagh, ...	700	6	10	0	3	8	2	1	11	6	3	11	0	96
37 Belfast, South, ..	700	34	18	2	13	5	0	11	2	6	20	11	9	333
38 ——— North, ..	800	24	7	0	5	18	0	8	4	0	11	17	8	147
39 Ballyclare, ..	346	4	10	0	3	1	3	1	11	6	4	16	5	45
40 Donaghadee, ..	520	7	10	0	5	0	0	1	11	6	6	5	0	76
41 Carrickfergus, ..	310	6	7	8	7	17	2	1	16	0	6	12	0	46
42 Coleraine, ..	393	6	16	0	6	12	0	2	0	0	6	4	6	120
43 Magherafelt, ..	640	5	7	0	5	6	0	1	11	6	3	5	0	30
44 Lisburn, ...	475	7	0	0	7	10	0	1	11	6	4	10	0	72
45 Downpatrick, ..	150	1	12	6	2	13	10	1	11	6	1	2	6	21
46 Newry, ...	362	5	18	6	3	18	2	3	11	6	5	12	7	73
47 Dungannon, ..	565	5	7	6	2	12	0	1	11	6	2	11	0	85
48 Armagh, ...	646	8	10	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	6	2	0	91
49 Lurgan, ...	674	8	4	1	4	4	5	3	2	0	4	11	0	85
50 Moira & Dromore,	610	9	0	0	7	8	9	2	0	0	5	10	0	73
51 Tandragee, ..	690	8	15	0	8	0	0	1	11	6	6	10	0	78
52 Portadown, ..	866	15	10	0	9	10	0	8	8	0	11	10	9	190
MISSION STATIONS.														
1 Lucan and Trim, ..	191	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	11	6	1	10	0	79
2 Kilkenny, &c. .	242	6	0	0	4	4	0	1	15	0	5	5	0	117
3 Youghal, .. .	156	4	0	0	2	8	1	1	14	0	5	17	0	100
4 Fermoy, &c. ..	151	3	12	0	2	10	0	2	0	0	3	15	0	70
5 Kinsale, &c. ..	130	3	3	0	2	0	0	1	12	0	2	2	0	46
6 Kerry, &c. ..	53	1	2	0	1	2	2	0	10	6	1	3	8	21
7 Killaloe, &c. ..	199	5	10	6	4	6	10	1	11	6	3	13	6	108
8 Galway, ...	102	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	10	0	28
9 Castlereagh, ..	33	1	2	6	1	1	6	0	19	0	1	4	3	25
10 Ballinasloe, ..	152	1	6	0	1	5	0	1	12	0	1	5	0	49
11 Barony of Erris, ..	29	1	6	6	0	4	0	0	10	6	0	5	0	17
12 Cavan, ...	202	3	12	0	1	4	0	1	11	6	1	5	0	41
13 Ballieboro' ..	152	1	11	0	1	0	6	1	11	6	1	0	0	22
14 Donegal, ...	602	3	3	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	2	1	6	65
15 Rathmelton, ..	150	2	2	0	1	9	6	1	11	6	1	5	6	62
16 Newtownlimavady,	105	1	4	6	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	0	0	28
17 Ballymena, &c. ..	207	1	14	2	1	3	6	1	11	6	1	11	6	32
18 Ballycastle, ..	93	0	12	4	0	9	10	0	11	7	0	12	0	21
19 Comber, ...	192	1	10	0	1	2	4	1	12	0	1	10	6	47
Total.....	28409	930	3	0	363	16	6	265	12	6	481	18	3	6011

N.B.—The above Missionary Contributions include the Christmas Offerin
amount of which is £500.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year, ...	36	0	2	By Allowance to Districts, ...	2010	0	0
— Grant from British Contingent Fund, ...	650	0	0	— Miscellanies, ...	103	18	0
— Do. from Auxiliary Fund, ...	250	0	0	— Grant to Limerick, ...	55	2	3
— Do. from Book Room, ...	300	0	0	— Allowance for Furniture, and Ministerial aid to Circuits, ...	26	0	0
— Amount of Yearly Collection, £830 3s. and £31 12s. 5d.	861	15	5	— Balance, ...	56	8	10
— Cash, per W. O. C.	150	0	0				
— Mrs. Sheil's Legacy, ...	3	13	6				
	£2251	9	1		£2251	9	1

N.B.—The sum of £11 8s. the amount of Legacy from the late Mrs. Deaves, has been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society Fund.

Dublin, 4th July, 1844.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

IRISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

HAVING been kept by the watchful Providence of Him "whom we serve in the Gospel of his Son," and brought to see each others' face once more in our Annual Conference, we rejoiced together that during another varied year—a year of conflict and of toil—we had neither run in vain nor laboured in vain.

Our Conference commenced auspiciously. At the public prayer-meeting with which it was opened, the Master of Assemblies was eminently "in the midst," and gave to his ministering servants a token and pledge of his presence and blessing in their subsequent deliberations and proceedings.

The Conference thus begun has been distinguished by a spirit of "unity and godly love." Aware of the mischievous tendency of "discord among brethren," it has been our prayerful study to preserve "the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." This unity we have felt to be both "good and pleasant,"—the harbinger, we doubt not, of a happy and successful year. Your Address—so fraught with generous sentiments of affection and sympathy, and with seasonable counsel—was most refreshing and cheering to our hearts. We felt assured, while listening to those sentiments, that you sympathize, not *only with* our sufferings, but with our successes; and

that the health and prosperity of the Irish branch of the Wesleyan family is to you a source of sincere satisfaction and of thankful joy.

With deep sincerity we reciprocate those sentiments. You, too, have recently had your bereavements, afflictions, and distresses. You mourn the loss of labourers, including those justly honoured and venerated men, the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Entwisle, Jonathan Edmondson, and Edmund Grindrod,—men who ran well their ministerial race, and finished their course with joy. Our death-roll contains the names of the Rev. Samuel Wood,—called into the work by our Founder himself, and whose amiability and worth were personally known to many of you;—the Rev. John Hadden, summoned from active service into his Master's joy;—and a young Minister of high promise, who died in the second year of his ministry.

While we remember that "our loss," and that of the Church, "is their infinite gain," we look forward with solemn and chastened feeling to the time when we too must "die, our fathers' God to meet." With all of us that day cannot be far distant. With some it is "nigh at hand, even at the door." May we be of the number of "those servants whom their Lord, when he cometh, shall find watching!"

By emigration alone, our community in Ireland continues to be annually drained of hundreds of its Members. Our loss, however, is alleviated by the persuasion that, like the Christians dispersed "through the persecution that arose about Stephen," they will go "every where preaching the word,"—that "the hand of the Lord" will be "with them,"—and that by their instrumentality "a great number" will "believe and turn unto the Lord." This hope is warranted by the reviving fact,—a fact that fills our hearts with triumphant joy,—that Methodism was introduced into the United States of America by emigrants from this country; and this joy is heightened by the recollection, that more than One Hundred and Twenty Thousand members have been added to the Methodist Episcopal Church during the past year. If therefore our spiritual children, of whom we are annually bereaved, go to found Churches and spread the truth in

at Thessalonica, where he had preached the Gospel of God with much contention, we largely share the feelings expressed in his language: "What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? for ye are our glory and joy."

We are thankful to have to inform you, that this year we have an increase of Three Hundred and Seventy-four members; an increase—considering the thinness of the Protestant population, the numbers removed from us by the usual casualties, and the many formidable barriers to the progress of the word and work of God, in this country—equal to Thousands in other places and in other circumstances.

Besides this motive and stimulus to renewed effort, the Lord of the harvest continues to supply the Irish field with suitable labourers. And this supply at present fully meets our necessity. Two young Brethren, who had honourably and usefully filled up their probationary term, were, after due examination, solemnly ordained to the pastoral office; and five others, warmly recommended by their several Superintendents and District-Meetings, as candidates for our ministry, were accepted by the Conference, and placed on the List of Reserve.

The Missionary Deputations you have kindly sent us from year to year, have donè essential service to our cause in this country. The honoured Brethren composing the last Deputations, consisting of the late lamented Rev. Thomas Galland, and the Rev. Messrs. Samuel Young, Peter M'Owen, Charles Tucker, and Isaac Whitehouse, have not been less acceptable than those of former years.

For your kindness in the appointment of your esteemed President, the Rev. Dr. Hannah, to be our President, as well as of the Rev. Dr. Newton, and the Rev. Joseph Cusworth, to attend our Conference, we not only thank *you*, but we devoutly bless God.

We shall long cherish a lively and grateful recollection of the wisdom and grace with which the Rev. Dr. Hannah filled the Presidential chair. The urbanity of his manner, combined with the strictest fidelity, and especially *his lucid, instructive*, and powerfully impressive

Charge to the young Ministers, after their ordinatior rendered his visit one never to be forgotten.

Of the Rev. Dr. Newton, our long-known and unvary ing friend, we need not say any thing. He lives in ou warmest affection, and in our highest admiration an esteem. That esteem has been in no small degree height ened by his public ministry during this Conference: i was simple, searching, practical; such as could not fai under the Divine blessing, to "save souls from death. May it please Almighty God long to spare his valuabl life!

We thank you also for the appointment of the Re Joseph Cusworth. His thorough acquaintance with th disciplinary and financial economy of Methodism, th lively and affectionate interest he took in all our affair and his public ministrations, have endeared him to ou hearts, and rendered his visit peculiarly seasonable an acceptable.

We appreciate your kindness also in the re-appoint ment of the Rev. Walter Oke Croggon, as the Gener Superintendent of the Irish Missions and Schools. H faithful and efficient discharge of the duties of this on rous office, have secured for him our cordial esteem an approval. We most earnestly hope it may be agreeab to him and to you that he should continue to sustain th office among us, for which he is so fully and happi qualified.

We send to you as our Representatives, our belov brethren, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart, Thom Waugh, and Robert Masaroon.

And now, dear Fathers and Brethren, "pray for us not only that we "may be delivered from unreasonab and wicked men" at this eventful crisis,—but "that t word of the Lord may have free course," despite of t many and appalling hinderances that oppose its progre "and be glorified, even as it is with you."

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretar*

Belfast, June 29th, 1843.

THE ANSWER

OF THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

IN the midst of the important engagements connected with the "care of the churches," we, at this our Hundredth Conference, received your fraternal Address with great pleasure, and with gratitude to Almighty God, by whose blessing you have been preserved in your trials, kept in peace, and prospered in your evangelical and self-denying labours. We rejoice in your faithful efforts to maintain and spread, in the midst of heresy and superstition, the counteracting and saving power of Protestant Christianity. Never were such efforts more imperatively required to arrest the progress of that error which, in insidious forms and by open attack, endangers the religion, the civil tranquillity, and the true prosperity of your country: and whilst we have confidence that you will persevere in making full proof of your ministry, we also indulge the hope, that you will be cheered with abundant success, and that, as you are "set for the defence of the Gospel," your work will not be in vain in the Lord.

In the discouragements with which your faith and patience have been so long exercised, we recognise a claim on our sympathies and prayers. Painful as the emigration of so many who have been raised up by your ministry must necessarily be, there is not only alleviation, but even encouragement, in the Catholic principles which

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1 Dublin, ...	1600	178 18 10	61 0 0	61 5 0	66 17 8	603 1 1	6
2 Kingstown, ..	53	5 4 0	7 3 0	2 5 0	5 6 6	48 10 3	
3 Drogheda, ..	260	15 0 0	9 10 0	1 11 6	8 12 0	84 0 0	
4 Dundalk, ..	97	5 2 6	3 16 10	1 16 0	3 11 6	41 0 0	
5 Wicklow, ..	300	9 0 0	6 0 0	1 15 0	6 0 0	85 0 5	
6 Waterford, ..	297	27 3 0	10 0 0	7 0 0	16 2 8	119 0 8	
7 Carlow, ...	280	12 0 0	5 0 0	1 11 6	6 7 6	85 11 9	
8 Newtownbarry, ..	405	11 10 0	6 5 0	2 2 0	8 0 0	96 8 3	
9 Wexford, ..	228	12 0 0	6 0 0	1 11 6	7 12 0	96 12 4	
10 Cork, ...	675	96 1 6	15 0 0	23 10 0	28 16 6	316 18 1	
11 Bandon, ...	641	40 7 6	17 4 0	12 4 0	25 0 0	189 6 10	
12 Skibbereen, ..	384	15 15 0	6 1 0	3 7 6	8 0 0	100 13 2	
13 Tralee, ...	87	8 0 0	2 8 5	1 11 6	4 0 0	37 12 0	
14 Limerick, ..	466	32 1 0	9 16 0	10 16 0	17 6 6	122 0 10	
15 Roscrea, ...	266	16 16 6	8 10 0	9 14 0	14 7 6	166 9 11	
16 Cloghjordan, ..	192	4 17 0	1 15 4	1 11 6	2 16 5	48 14 8	
17 Tullamoore, ..	270	8 0 0	3 13 0	2 1 0	5 2 6	70 0 0	
18 Athlone, ...	163	4 8 0	2 4 2	2 1 2	4 1 10	48 10 11	
19 Maryborough, &c.	384	14 10 0	4 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	124 12 11	
20 Longford, ..	224	6 0 0	3 11 2	1 11 6	5 5 5	71 0 10	
21 Sligo, ...	580	14 0 0	7 10 10	4 0 0	11 10 0	98 4 10	
22 Castlebar, ..	130	5 4 0	3 0 0	2 2 0	4 11 0	45 14 4	
23 Ballina, ...	283	6 10 0	4 0 9	2 1 6	5 0 0	46 7 6	
24 Boyle, ...	203	2 15 0	2 5 0	2 0 0	1 12 6	32 16 5	
25 Clones, ...	630	5 12 2	4 6 7	1 13 6	6 2 4	88 14 8	
26 Killesandra, ..	420	2 15 0	2 0 0	1 12 0	1 18 0	33 1 1	
27 Castleblaney, &c. ..	548	4 12 0	2 10 0	1 11 6	3 0 0	38 13 6	
28 Aughnacloy, ..	373	3 7 0	1 10 0	1 11 6	1 12 6	20 9 8	
29 Enniskillen, ..	971	6 12 0	3 12 0	1 12 0	4 10 0	83 6 0	
30 Brookborough, ..	736	5 15 6	1 17 0	1 11 6	3 11 0	34 0 0	
31 Manorhamilton, ..	865	7 5 0	1 10 6	1 11 6	3 5 6	56 6 10	
32 Lowtherstown, ..	1130	6 15 0	2 1 6	1 11 6	2 11 0	56 16 6	
33 Pettigo, &c. ..	665	3 18 0	1 10 0	1 11 6	1 5 0	21 11 0	
34 Londonderry, ..	398	13 18 7	5 6 5	3 9 3	11 12 6	100 0 0	
35 Strabane, ..	647	6 12 0	3 0 0	1 11 6	2 10 10	48 5 7	
36 Omagh, ...	700	6 10 0	3 8 2	1 11 6	3 11 0	96 2 6	
37 Belfast, South, ..	700	34 18 2	13 5 0	11 2 6	20 11 9	333 9 2	
38 —— North, ..	800	24 7 0	5 18 0	8 4 0	11 17 8	147 6 6	
39 Ballyclare, ..	346	4 10 0	3 1 3	1 11 6	4 16 5	45 8 0	
40 Donaghadee, ..	520	7 10 0	5 0 0	1 11 6	6 5 0	76 4 1	
41 Carrickfergus, ..	310	6 7 8	7 17 2	1 16 0	6 12 0	46 6 4	
42 Coleraine, ..	363	6 16 0	6 12 0	2 0 0	6 4 6	120 6 8	
43 Magherafelt, ..	640	5 7 0	5 6 0	1 11 6	3 5 0	30 16 10	
44 Lisburn, ...	475	7 0 0	7 10 0	1 11 6	4 10 0	72 13 6	
45 Downpatrick, ..	150	1 12 6	2 13 10	1 11 6	1 2 6	21 0 0	
46 Newry, ...	362	5 18 6	3 18 2	3 11 6	5 12 7	73 13 10	
47 Dungannon, ..	565	5 7 6	2 12 0	1 11 6	2 11 0	85 4 9	
48 Armagh, ...	646	8 10 0	6 0 0	2 0 0	6 2 0	91 15 2	
49 Lurgan, ...	674	8 4 1	4 4 5	3 2 0	4 11 0	85 11 10	
50 Moira & Dromore,	610	9 0 0	7 8 9	2 0 0	5 10 0	73 6 1	
51 Tandragee, ..	690	8 15 0	8 0 0	1 11 6	6 10 0	78 5 0	
52 Portadown, ..	866	15 10 0	9 10 0	8 8 0	11 10 9	190 0 9	
MISSION STATIONS.							
1 Lucan and Trim, ..	191	2 2 0	2 2 0	1 11 6	1 10 0	79 8 0	
2 Kilkenny, &c. .	242	6 0 0	4 4 0	1 15 0	5 5 0	117 5 0	
3 Youghal, .. .	156	4 0 0	2 8 1	1 14 0	5 17 0	100 0 0	
4 Fermoy, &c. ..	151	3 12 0	2 10 0	2 0 0	3 15 0	70 0 0	
5 Kinsale, &c. ..	130	3 3 0	2 0 0	1 12 0	2 2 0	46 6 6	
6 Kerry, &c. ..	53	1 2 0	1 2 2	0 10 6	1 3 8	21 1 0	
7 Killaloe, &c. ..	199	5 10 6	4 6 10	1 11 6	3 13 6	108 19 5	
8 Galway, ...	102	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 11 6	1 10 0	28 4 0	
9 Castlereagh, ..	33	1 2 6	1 1 6	0 19 0	1 4 3	25 12 4	
10 Ballinasloe, ..	152	1 6 0	1 5 0	1 12 0	1 5 0	49 6 9	
11 Barony of Erris, ..	29	1 6 6	0 4 0	0 10 6	0 5 0	17 3 7	
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14 Donegal, ...	602	3 3 0	2 0 0	1 11 6	2 1 6	65 10 0	
15 Rathmelton, ..	150	2 2 0	1 9 6	1 11 6	1 5 6	62 3 4	
16 Newtownlimavady,	105	1 4 6	1 0 0	1 11 6	1 0 0	28 12 1	
17 Ballymena, &c. ..	207	1 14 2	1 3 6	1 11 6	1 11 6	32 16 9	
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N.B.—The above Missionary Contributions include the Christmas Offerings, th[illegible] of which is £500.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year, ...	36	0	2
— Grant from British Contingent Fund, ...	650	0	0
— Do. from Auxiliary Fund, ...	250	0	0
— Do. from Book Room, ...	300	0	0
— Amount of Yearly Collection, £830 3s. and £31 12s. 5d.	861	15	5
— Cash, per W. O. C.	150	0	0
— Mrs. Sheil's Legacy, ...	3	13	6
	£2251	9	1

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Allowance to Districts, ...	2010	0	0
— Miscellanies, ...	103	18	0
— Grant to Limerick, ...	55	2	3
— Allowance for Furniture, and Ministerial aid to Circuits, ...	26	0	0
— Balance, ...	56	8	10
	£2251	9	1

N.B.—The sum of £11 8s. the amount of Legacy from the late Mrs. Deaves, has been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society Fund.

Dublin, 4th July, 1844.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

IRISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

HAVING been kept by the watchful Providence of Him "whom we serve in the Gospel of his Son," and brought to see each others' face once more in our Annual Conference, we rejoiced together that during another varied year—a year of conflict and of toil—we had neither run in vain nor laboured in vain.

Our Conference commenced auspiciously. At the public prayer-meeting with which it was opened, the Master of Assemblies was eminently "in the midst," and gave to his ministering servants a token and pledge of his presence and blessing in their subsequent deliberations and proceedings.

The Conference thus begun has been distinguished by a spirit of "unity and godly love." Aware of the mischievous tendency of "discord among brethren," it has been our prayerful study to preserve "the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." This unity we have felt to be both "good and pleasant,"—the harbinger, we doubt not, of a happy and successful year. Your Address—so fraught with generous sentiments of affection and sympathy, and with seasonable counsel—was most refreshing and cheering to our hearts. We felt assured, while listening to those sentiments, that you sympathize, not *only with* our sufferings, but with our successes; and

the health and prosperity of the Irish branch of the
sleyan family is to you a source of sincere satisfaction
of thankful joy.

Vith deep sincerity we reciprocate those sentiments.
, too, have recently had your bereavements, afflictions,
distresses. You mourn the loss of labourers, includ-
those justly honoured and venerated men, the Rev.
srs. Joseph Entwisle, Jonathan Edmondson, and
ıund Grindrod,—men who ran well their ministerial
, and finished their course with joy. Our death-roll
ains the names of the Rev. Samuel Wood,—called
the work by our Founder himself, and whose amia-
y and worth were personally known to many of
;—the Rev. John Hadden, summoned from active
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ı promise, who died in the second year of his mi-
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Vhile we remember that "our loss," and that of the
rch, "is their infinite gain," we look forward with
nn and chastened feeling to the time when we too
t "die, our fathers' God to meet." With all of us
day cannot be far distant. With some it is "nigh
and, even at the door." May we be of the number of
se servants whom their Lord, when he cometh, shall
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y emigration alone, our community in Ireland con-
es to be annually drained of hundreds of its Mem-
. Our loss, however, is alleviated by the persuasion
, like the Christians dispersed "through the persecu-
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t number" will "believe and turn unto the Lord."
ı hope is warranted by the reviving fact,—a fact that
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he recollection, that more than One Hundred and
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ved, go to found Churches and spread the truth in

other lands,—let them go,—how heart-rending soeve that bereavement may be; and may "our own God" g with them, and give them his blessing!

According to your anticipation, the Centenary Chape in Dublin has been opened for Divine worship. O Sunday, the 18th inst., the Rev. Dr. Bunting preache at noon, and the Rev. Dr. Newton in the evening. Th Rev. Dr. Newton preached again on Wednesday, th 21st, the Rev. Dr. Alder, at noon, on the following Sab bath, and the Rev. Dr. Bunting in the evening. Thi "beautiful house," reared principally by the grant fro the Centenary Fund, does no small credit to those wh had charge of its erection, and especially to the lat Superintendent of the Dublin Circuit, the Rev. Thoma Waugh. May the glory of this "latter house"—so soo to supersede our old chapel in Whitefriar-street—excee that of the former, not merely in its external beauty, an its internal commodiousness, but in the number of soul saved within its sacred walls!

We must again refer you to our Representatives for th reasons why the "Wesleyan School Society," organize two years ago, has done comparatively nothing. Meantim the necessity and importance of "a right-principled an well-applied system of education,"—an education com mensurate with the wants of our Connexion,—become still more pressing and urgent. O that the mercifu Providence of God may speedily give us Scriptur Schools,—such as we are well aware "would prove powerful auxiliary to the ministry of the word," in all ou Circuits and Missions in Ireland!

With Educational, and other wants, and in the mids of discouragements peculiar to this distracted countr we are neither disheartened nor dismayed. "We ar troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are per plexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken cast down, but not destroyed." Hundreds of souls, b gotten through the Gospel by our ministry every yea are the gracious reward of our toil and trials. Thes with the number who annually "pass through deat triumphant home," solace our hearts under circumstanc *otherwise* insupportable. Addressing these our "ow *children* "after the common faith," as St. Paul did tho

at Thessalonica, where he had preached the Gospel of God with much contention, we largely share the feelings expressed in his language: "What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? for ye are our glory and joy."

We are thankful to have to inform you, that this year we have an increase of Three Hundred and Seventy-four members; an increase—considering the thinness of the Protestant population, the numbers removed from us by the usual casualties, and the many formidable barriers to the progress of the word and work of God, in this country—equal to Thousands in other places and in other circumstances.

Besides this motive and stimulus to renewed effort, the Lord of the harvest continues to supply the Irish field with suitable labourers. And this supply at present fully meets our necessity. Two young Brethren, who had honourably and usefully filled up their probationary term, were, after due examination, solemnly ordained to the pastoral office; and five others, warmly recommended by their several Superintendents and District-Meetings, as candidates for our ministry, were accepted by the Conference, and placed on the List of Reserve.

The Missionary Deputations you have kindly sent us from year to year, have donè essential service to our cause in this country. The honoured Brethren composing the last Deputations, consisting of the late lamented Rev. Thomas Galland, and the Rev. Messrs. Samuel Young, Peter M'Owen, Charles Tucker, and Isaac Whitehouse, have not been less acceptable than those of former years.

For your kindness in the appointment of your esteemed President, the Rev. Dr. Hannah, to be our President, as well as of the Rev. Dr. Newton, and the Rev. Joseph Cusworth, to attend our Conference, we not only thank *you*, but we devoutly bless God.

We shall long cherish a lively and grateful recollection of the wisdom and grace with which the Rev. Dr. Hannah filled the Presidential chair. The urbanity of his manner, combined with the strictest fidelity, and especially *his lucid, instructive*, and powerfully impressive

Charge to the young Ministers, after their ordination, rendered his visit one never to be forgotten.

Of the Rev. Dr. Newton, our long-known and unvarying friend, we need not say any thing. He lives in our warmest affection, and in our highest admiration and esteem. That esteem has been in no small degree heightened by his public ministry during this Conference: it was simple, searching, practical; such as could not fail, under the Divine blessing, to "save souls from death." May it please Almighty God long to spare his valuable life!

We thank you also for the appointment of the Rev. Joseph Cusworth. His thorough acquaintance with the disciplinary and financial economy of Methodism, the lively and affectionate interest he took in all our affairs, and his public ministrations, have endeared him to our hearts, and rendered his visit peculiarly seasonable and acceptable.

We appreciate your kindness also in the re-appointment of the Rev. Walter Oke Croggon, as the General Superintendent of the Irish Missions and Schools. His faithful and efficient discharge of the duties of this onerous office, have secured for him our cordial esteem and approval. We most earnestly hope it may be agreeable to him and to you that he should continue to sustain that office among us, for which he is so fully and happily qualified.

We send to you as our Representatives, our beloved brethren, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and Robert Masaroon.

And now, dear Fathers and Brethren, "pray for us," not only that we "may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men" at this eventful crisis,—but "that the word of the Lord may have free course," despite of the many and appalling hinderances that oppose its progress, "and be glorified, even as it is with you."

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Belfast, June 29th, 1843.

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We sincerely sympathize with you in your bereavements, and are ourselves also called to mourn over the losses occasioned in our ranks by death. We hold the venerable Samuel Wood in affectionate remembrance. By those of us who were favoured with his acquaintance and friendship, he was very highly esteemed, and deservedly loved. His occasional ministry in this country, when he visited us as your Representative, was rendered very useful, and not a few were brought to God by his instrumentality. Our number of the sainted dead has been increased by the decease of the Rev. Richard Treffry, of whose excellence as a Christian, and a Minister, you, as well as we, have formed an estimate as high as it is just; —of the Rev. Thomas Galland, A.M., who had, but a short time before his lamented departure, been endeared to you, as for many years he had been to us, as a good Minister of Jesus Christ, eminently spiritual, practical, and valuable;—and of the Rev. John Waterhouse, the General Superintendent of the Missions in Australasia and Polynesia, who, after establishing himself in the confidence and love of his brethren, and of our people, by lengthened, useful, and talented labour in England, nobly devoted himself to self-denying toil in the foreign field; where, in the midst of his evangelical and apostolic work, he was called to his reward. The praises of these eminent and useful Ministers of Christ were in all our

Churches. Their names, written in the Book of Life, demand a place in our accumulating memorials of departed and glorified worthies. It is ours to walk as they also walked; to emulate their example; and to follow them as they followed Christ; that with them we may finally, through faith and patience, inherit the promises.

To your highly-esteemed and faithful Representatives, the Rev. William Stewart, the Rev. Thomas Waugh, and the Rev. Robert Masaroon, we have given that hearty and affectionate welcome, which is due to the important office which they so ably sustain on your behalf, as well as to their personal excellencies, and ministerial worth; and while each succeeding opportunity of intercourse with the two former, confirms the respect and love which we have long cherished for them, and frequently expressed, we recognise in the latter, now, for the first time, known to many of us, those qualities which justly entitle him to our confidence and affection.

We have appointed our beloved President, the Rev. John Scott, to preside at your next Annual Conference; and have requested our Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Newton, and the Rev. Dr. Bunting, to accompany him; and have also re-appointed the Rev. W. O. Croggon, as General Superintendent of your Missions and Schools.

In conclusion, we rejoice that you continue your zealous efforts in the great and unceasingly important cause of Christian Missions; and have appointed the Rev. William B. Stephenson, and the Rev. William B. Boyce, as the Missionary Deputation to the North of Ireland,—the Rev. Samuel D. Waddy, and the Rev. Thomas Hodson, to the South,—and the Rev. William Fox to the West.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

ISAAC KEELING, }
JOHN FARRAR, } *Sub-Secretaries.*

Sheffield, Aug. 11th, 1843.

THE

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

TO THE

METHODIST SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

IT is once again our pleasing duty, as a Conference of Christian Ministers, sustaining an important relation towards you, to address you in our collective capacity.

The God of our Fathers and our God, having preserved us during another year, and permitted us to meet and rejoice together, our thoughts, and affections revert to you, the people of our care, and our beloved companions in the Lord.

On the morning of June, the 25th, our Conference commenced, as is customary, with a public prayer meeting. While rejoicing in the gracious influence which rested on us, we remembered with pleasure, that thousands of our Israel on the different Circuits, were just then bowing their knees before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, mingling their prayers with ours, and supplicating God on our behalf.

We have had favoured seasons during the various ministrations, and other religious services, connected with this Conference; God having delightfully assisted his servants, and "touched their lips with hallowed fire."

Our beloved President, the Rev. John Scott, has been for many years known to us, and our enlarged expectations of profit, from his eminent wisdom and piety, have been more than realized.

Our old, distinguished, and much loved friend, the Rev.

Doctor Newton, has as usual taken his place among his Irish Brethren, and with his wonted cheerfulness, wisdom, and affection, heartily joined in our counsels; together with our much esteemed friend and brother, the Rev. John Beecham, of London, one of the General Secretaries of our Missions.

In referring to these experienced and highly esteemed messengers of the Churches, we deem it our duty to state, that, their sympathy and love towards us, faithfully represent the feelings entertained by the Ministers of the British Conference, and by the English Wesleyans in general. Of this we have every year ample demonstration in the valuable aid which they continue to afford us. We have no hesitation in saying, that their tender concern on our behalf can hardly be known or appreciated by our Societies in Ireland. They rejoice to identify themselves with Irish Wesleyan Methodism, and in our various difficulties, they have been, in every possible way, our benefactors and friends; and the return for which they look, is, that we by our purity and zeal, shine forth as a witnessing church, in the midst of surrounding darkness and depravity.

The records of mortality for the past year, have had enrolled on their mournful pages, the names of three of our beloved fellow helpers in the Lord. Two of them, the the Rev. William Hamilton, and the Rev. Thomas Brown, were men venerable for their years, as well as honourable for their character and labours. The former, who was fifty-six years in the ministry, was well known as a most efficient associate of the indefatigable Ousely.

The latter, who was nephew of the Rev. William Thompson, the first President after the decease of Mr. Wesley, was for fifty-four years, a greatly respected minister in our body. The names of both shall be had in remembrance, as having been identified for a long period with the struggles and successes of Wesleyan Methodism in many parts of Ireland.

We had also to mourn the loss of a brother, who, although not many years labouring in this good work, was much prized for his zeal and assiduity. We would affectionately urge our Societies, to follow these devoted men, *in those paths of* holiness, which lead to that pure

and happy world, where, "life is all re-touched again. While we have thus had to part with some of our noble minded associates in the good work, God has not with held those gracious influences, necessary to qualify other for taking their place. Six young men have been dul recommended to, and accepted by the Conference, a suitable candidates for the Holy Ministry amongst u Twelve young ministers, have honourably completed thei period of probation, and, with the exception of one, whos delicate health was the only cause of his being still re garded as a probationer, they were carefully examined a to their qualifications for the sacred office unto which the have been called. Never shall we forget the able an impressive manner in which the necessary examination were conducted by our honoured President, and hi companions. We regard it as an exceedingly impor tant part of our Wesleyan economy, that each candi date for our ministry, must, prior to his entrance on th work, be thus carefully examined as to his fitness for th duties, which devolve on a Preacher of the Gospel. Th indispensable requisites are grace, gifts, and fruit. Afte a most minute and patient inquiry into these points, in cluding a very strict examination as to their theologica attainments, and their doctrinal views, we were full satisfied that "the Holy Ghost has made them overseer of the flock of Christ." The ordination of thes youthful and devoted ministers, took place in our ne and truly beautiful Centenary Chapel, on the evenin of the 27th instant, when they were publicly set apar by "the imposition of hands." It was a memorabl occasion, calculated to impress deeply and devoutly, th hearts of all present; and in connexion with the Pres dent's admirable charge, delivered on the ensuing evening to convince us, that the time was not yet come, when w should cease to inscribe on our banners, "The best of a is, God is with us."

On reviewing the results of our labours during th past year, we feel unfeignedly grateful to that gracio Lord, who is "the Alpha and the Omega," who "walket in the midst of the golden candlesticks," that He has bee *with us,* in our many discouragements, and that "H *work and his* glory have appeared to us, and the bear

the Lord our God has been upon us." Although the ain of emigration continues, whereby we have, during ıe past year, lost six hundred and twenty-two mem-ers of our Societies, and although the hostility of pro-ssed foes, and the lamentable faithlessness of many f our professed friends, have deeply afflicted us, yet in)me of our Circuits and Irish Mission stations "the ıower has come down in his season, there have been ıowers of blessing;" the pleasing result of which is, an ıcrease to our numbers of more than four hundred ıembers.

Our Conference has been eminently one of harmony ıd spiritual edification. We are now about to separate, ıd enter on our respective scenes of labour; and, as)ur fathers and brethren in the Lord, call your attention) some matters judged by us to be of vital importance. he venerable founder of our Societies, viewed Metho-ism as an *extraordinary*, and in some respects, *peculiar* ork of God, and in conformity with those views his de-gn was, not to organise a sect, but "to spread Scriptural hristianity throughout the land," and he loved Metho-ism, only because it was blessedly influential, in pro-noting an extensive revival of pure and undefiled religion. We trust that we are influenced by the same spirit, and hat you will understand us, when we tell you, that "we ave no greater joy, than that our children walk in ruth." Our greatness and glory, as a connexion, have esulted from the spirit of piety, which has heretofore onstituted our true connexional riches. Let us never ose sight of this, and let us by actual personal piety ontribute to the healthfulness, perpetuity, and increase f our beloved Methodism.

The Lord Jesus Christ, who is our master and our ead, taught, in the course of his ministry, the necessity hich exists that those who would become the subjects f his kingdom, should experience a great personal hange. He in the most solemn manner declared, "verily, erily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he annot see the kingdom of God." In the exercise of our inistry we have kept this truth before you; we have ndeavoured to instruct you as to the nature and neces-ty of "repentance towards God, and faith towards our

Lord Jesus Christ," justification, adoption, the witness of the Spirit, regeneration, and entire sanctification, and for these great purposes we have directed you to "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

In order, therefore, to your obtaining and growing in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, much prayer is necessary. There is an inseparable connection between your devotional habits and your spirituality of mind. Let your prayerful addresses to the Heavenly Throne be frequent, fervent, and full of faith in "the atonement."

We have long considered the great doctrine of entire sanctification as a precious deposit which has been very peculiarly entrusted to us. Reviewing the religious history of our body, we are able to mark the connexion which has existed between the diffusion of this heavenly truth and our most blessed seasons of spiritual prosperity. Our God has promised to honour those who honour Him, and certainly He is pre-eminently honoured when His people are "transformed by the renewing of their mind, that they may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." If you would be happy, useful, honoured of God, and faithful to your trust, follow after entire holiness of heart and life. Only then shall we be assured that "upon all the glory shall be a defence." Notwithstanding the rapidly augmenting numbers, intelligence, and influence of our general connexion, we should regard our glory as having departed from us, should a period unhappily arrive when the majority of our people, if not in the actual enjoyment of this blessing, would not at least be found earnestly seeking its attainment. But why rest without the enjoyment of it? It is the work of the Spirit—the Spirit is promised—all things on God's part are now ready. "He abideth faithful, and cannot deny Himself."

The present is the age of Bible circulation. See to it that you do not confound the possession of one or more copies of the Word of God with the *searching* of the Scriptures. Those who profess to be the people of God are highly culpable if they do not, by secret prayer, the daily regular perusal of the Scriptures in the closet, and *with their* families, endeavour to store up the treasures of *wisdom* and knowledge contained in the volume of inspiration. "Let the word of Christ dwell richly in you *all wisdom.*"

We have been accustomed, in our annual addresses, to dwell with peculiar emphasis on the importance of *family religion*. We are aware that many consider this department of their Christian obligation to be exceedingly difficult; but whether family circumstances be favourable or unfavourable to the performance of this duty, it is a duty from which you should not shrink. Let your candle "give light to all that are in the house;" then shall the Lord command his blessing on you, and "create upon your dwelling-place a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night." We deem it necessary to call your attention to the importance of a regular attendance on the ministry of the Word, as exercised among you. While you have many other ordinances auxiliary and subordinate to this, you have none of higher obligation, or more universal adaptation to your various wants and circumstances.

Would you feel a deep conviction of sin? "The word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." Would you exercise a Scriptural faith? "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Would you be built up in all holiness? "The Word of his grace is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified." In a word, "It hath pleased God by the foolishness of *preaching* to save them that believe."

At the same time we would urge on you, as necessary to your profiting by the Word, a faithful observance of the Sabbath, both as to the letter and the spirit of the divine injunctions concerning it. A due attendance on the Holy Sacrament is requisite, not only for the consistency of your claim to be considered Christians, but also for the continued liveliness of your faith, hope, and love.

You are aware that a regular attendance at Class Meeting has been proved, by the experience of thousands of the most eminent saints who have been united with us, to be a most valuable help to the steady maintenance of personal holiness. The more select meetings for the purpose of Christian fellowship, which we term Band Meetings, are also, when judiciously conducted, of incalculable benefit to the truly spiritually minded.

While we would thus direct your attention to those

means of grace which we know to be eminently calculated to lead you to "all the heights of holiness," we would urge upon you the necessity of bringing forth all the fruits of righteousness. While we urge on you the performance of every Christian duty, whether social or personal, and warn you against all that is not consistent with perfect fidelity towards God, we would not wish you to suppose, that because we continue to watch over you with holy jealousy, lest you be ensnared by the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, or the pride of life, that we are to be understood as countenancing, even indirectly, the opinion, that as regards Methodism, "the former days were better than these." We are persuaded that at no former period was the Christian Church, as a whole, in such a state of growing prosperity as at the present.

As to our beloved Methodism, there never were so many members—so many preachers—such rapidly augmenting finances—or so much peace and harmony in our body—as now. Never were conversions more frequent, never was holiness more deep, or more widely diffused among our spiritual children.

Let us not regard the piety of our fathers, of the former race of Methodists, as a glory which has passed away, or suppose that it is impossible for *us* to follow Christ as *they* followed him. Your privileges are more abundant. Christianity is shedding a brighter glory on our world; its beauties, its riches, its resources, are daily developed on a scale of increasing grandeur. Remember, therefore, that as the people of God, the followers of Christ, you are invited by him to be "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people." Yours is a high calling, prayerfully endeavour to let your walk be worthy of the "Gospel of Christ;" see that "walking in the path of the just," you "shine more and more unto the perfect day," and that you shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. In obedience to his precious call, shine as "lights in the world"—by pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the *Holy Ghost*, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by

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ed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

n, *July* 1, 1844.

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

THE PREACHERS IN IRELAND.

☞ The figures at the beginning of the lines show the *year* in which each Preacher began to travel; and those at the end denote the Preacher's *first, second,* &c., annual appointment to his present Station.

		Yrs.
1834	Appelbe, W. P. Coleraine	1
1816	Armstrong, John, Lowtherstown	1
1805	Armstrong, W., *Super.* Lisburn	2
1838	Atkins, John H. Limerick	2
1841	Bagley, John, Wexford	1
1818	Ballard, T. Lisburn	2
1831	Bamford, R. Newtownlimavaddy	1
1834	Banks, E. M. Strabane	2
1792	Banks, R. *Super.* Carlow	
1832	Bayley, B. Ballymena	3
1833	Beamish, T. Dundalk	3
1824	Beauchamp, R. Moira	1
1790	Bell, J. *Super.* Dublin.	
1844	Bell, R. Cavan	1
1837	Black, J. Castleblaney	1
1836	Black, R. Carrickfergus	1
1839	Boyd, J. H. Castlebar.	1
1839	Brown, W. Carrickfergus	1
1810	Bruce, R. Wexford	1
1830	Burnside, W. Kinsale	1
1809	Burrows, G. Kingstown	2
1805	Burrows, Michael, *Super.* Carrickfergus.	
1844	*Butler,* Wm. Donegal	1
1824	*Byrne,* C. Enniskillen	2
1797	Campbell, A. *Sup.* Dublin.	
1812	Campbell, John, *Super.* Magherafelt.	
1831	Campbell, W. G. Tralee	
1810	Carey, John. Newry	1
1808	Carson, R. *Sup.* Omagh.	
1797	Carter, J. *Super.* Moira.	
1829	Cather, Wm. Kilkenny.	
1841	Cather, R. G. Belfast, S.	
1796	Clendinnen, J. *Supernumerary,* Bideford, England	
1810	Cobain, E. Rathmelton.	
1843	Collier, J. Magherafelt.	
1832	Cowdy, S. Ballyclare	
1814	Cornwall, W. Castlereagh	
1804	Crook, W. Tullamoore.	
1793	Crozier, Robert, *Super.* Enniskillen.	
1834	Darby, W. A Enniskillen	
1844	Deery, G. Donaghadee	
1799	Deery, H. *Super.* Dublin	
1840	Devers, R. A. Castleblaney	
1837	Donald, J. Lowtherstown	
1838	Donald, John, Sligo	
1796	Douglas, William, *Supe* Lowtherstown.	
1808	Downing, S. Ballina	
1840	Duncan, John, Dublin	
1843	Elliott, F. Skibbereen	
1821	Feely, John, Killaloe	

1790 Ferguson, William, *Super.* Dublin.
1808 Ffrench, P. *Super.* Dublin.
1810 Finley, William, *Super.* Strabane.
1833 Foster, J. Manorhamilton 1
1843 Foster, T. Killesandra.. 2
1808 Foote, Wm. Longford.. 1
1832 Geddes, H. Lucan..... 1
1840 Gilbert, John, Manorhamilton 1
1834 Giles, H. Tandragee... 1
1823 Gillman, J. B. Cork... 1
1835 Grant, George, Armagh 1
1826 Greer, J. Dublin..... 1
1821 Guard, William, Cavan. 1
1789 Hamilton, A. *Supernumerary.* Bandon.
1836 Hamilton, R. Killesandra 3
1810 Harman, J. *Super.* Cork.
1828 Harpur, E. Downpatrick 2
1826 Harrington, J. Athlone. 1
1840 Hay, John, Carlow... .. 1
1809 Hazelton, E. *Supernum.* Dungannon.
1841 Henderson, A. M. Roscrea 1
1826 Henry, J. Clogbjordan. 1
1838 Hewitt, R. Wicklow.... 1
1835 Hickey, T. Galway.. .. 2
1842 Higgins, J. Bandon..... 1
1815 Hill, J. Dungannon.... 1
1822 Hobart, N. Pettigo..... 2
1831 Hoey, W. 1st, Magherafelt 1
1840 Hoey, W. 2nd, Dungannon 1
1820 Holmes, J. Drogheda... 1
1830 Hughes, J. Tullamoore 2
1835 Hughes, John, Dublin. 2
1840 Huston, A. Pettigo.... 1
1829 Huston, R. Youghal.... 3
1806 Irvine, J. C. *Super.* Pettigo.
1815 Jebb, J. Dromore..... 1
1827 Jessop, R. Roscrea..... 1
1809 Johnston, E. *Super.* Portadown.
1808 *Johnston, J. Lurgan*... 1
1842 Johnston, J. K. Armagh 2
1840 Jones, R. G. Lisburn 1
1836 Kennedy, J. Maryborough 1
1787 Kerr, T. *Super.* Lurgan
1806 Keys, W. Bailieborough 1
1799 Kidd, W. *Super.* Dublin.
1806 Kyle, S. Brookborough 1
1794 Lanktree, M. *Super.* Donaghadee.
1844 Lebert, W. Clones.... 1
1825 Le Maitre, F. P. Sligo 2
1824 Liddy, J. Kerry..... .. 3
1827 Lindsay, R. H. Castlebar 2
1801 Lougheed, T. *Super.* Tullamoore.
1828 Lupton, W. Waterford 1
1808 Lynch, J. *Super.* Newry
1827 M'Afee, D. Londonderry..... 2
1807 M'Cormick, C. *Super.* Killaloe.
1802 M'Cutcheon, J. *Super.* Omagh.
1844 M'Donald, T. M. Newtownbarry.. 1
1808 M'Dowell, S. Ballycastle 2
1801 M'Elwain, G. *Super.* Dublin.
1836 M'Garvey, W. Ballinasloe..... 1
1840 M'Kay, J. W. Belfast, N. 2
1839 M'Kee, J. Lurgan..... 1
1838 M'Millen, G. Clones... 2
1841 M'Mullen, W. Portadown..... 1
1812 Masaroon R. Dublin. .. 1
1818 Mathews, J. F. Bandon 1
1828 Meredith, T. Portadown 3
1837 Meyer, R. J. Aughnacloy 1
1835 Moore, H. Comber.... 2
1844 Morrow, F. Erris 1
1829 Mulloy, W. Omagh... 1
1790 Murdoch, A. *Super.* Dungannon.
1833 Murdoch, J. Newtownbarry..... 2
1824 Nash, J. Newry 1
1809 Nelson, J. Drogheda... 2

1801 Nesbitt, J. *Super.* Enniskillen.
1810 Noble, A. *Super.* Dublin.
1841 Oliver, John, Omagh .. 2
1840 Orbison, T. Tandragee 1
1824 Patterson, J. Aughnacloy 3
1795 Pedlow, D. *Super.* Cork.
1804 Phillips, R. *Super.* Longford.
1808 Pratt, J.C. *Super.* Enniskillen.
1823 Price, H. Limerick.... 1
1808 Price, R. *Super.* Longford.
1810 Reilly, W. Cork..... 1
1815 Richey, W. Wicklow.. 3
1789 Ridgeway, T. *Super.* Belfast, N.
1837 Robinson, D. Boyle.... 1
1803 Rogers, J. *Super* Longford.
1802 Rutledge J. *Super.* Clones.
1826 Saul, J. Maryborough. 1
1835 Scott, R. Cove of Cork 2
1830 Starkey, W. Fermoy... 1
1814 Stephens, F. Longford. 1
1800 Stewart, W. Belfast, S. 2
1843 Storey, J. C. Strabane 1
1824 Sullivan, J. Killaloe.... 2
1822 Tackaberry, F. Belfast, North..... 2
1829 Tobias, J. Donaghadee 3
1791 Tobias, M. *Super.* Belfast, South.
1817 Tracy, R. T. Carlow.. 1
1835 Vance, G. Londonderry 1
1836 Wallace, R. Brookborough 1
1838 Walker, J. Ballina..... 1
1800 Waugh, D. *Super.* Dromore.
1840 Waugh, J. S. Kilkenny 1
1808 Waugh, J. Skibbereen 3
1808 Waugh, T. Cork..... 2
1837 Whitaker, T. K. Coleraine..... 1
1832 Wilson, J. Donegall.... 1
1823 Wilson, J. S. *Super.* Tullamoore.
1828 Williams, J. Waterford 3
1840 Young, E. K. Dublin 2

MINUTES

OF

VERAL CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN

The Methodist Ministers

IN THE CONNEXION ESTABLISHED BY

E LATE REV. JOHN WESLEY, A. M.,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

GUN IN CORK, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH, 1845.

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1845.

MINUTES.

QUESTION I.

Who are now admitted as Ministers INTO FULL CONNEXION WITH THE CONFERENCE?

ANSWER.

(1) James Swanton Waugh, who has travelled five years.

(2) John Bagley, John Oliver,
Anketell M. Henderson, Robert George Cather.
Wallace M'Mullan,

Q. II. What Preachers remain on trial?

A. (1) John Higgins, who has travelled THREE YEARS:
(John Kerr Johnson, who has also travelled three years, retires for the present, solely for want of health.)

(2) Frederick Elliott, John Charles Storey,
Thomas Foster, James Collier;
These have travelled TWO YEARS:

(3) Thomas M. M'Donald, William Lebert,
William Lough, Robert Bell,
Francis Morrow, George Deery;
William Butler,
These have travelled ONE YEAR.

Q. III. What Preachers are now received on trial?

Thomas M'Lorinan, Henry Marshal Beale,
Frederick Stephens, John Hazleton,
Edward Johnston, Alexander Twiss,
Robert Campbell, Samuel Meredith.

Q. IV. What Ministers have died since the last Conference?

(1.)—JAMES CARTER.—He was a native of Tentore, in the Queen's County. Having experienced "the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost," he was at an early age called into this ministry. He commenced his itinerancy in 1797, and continued in it with untiring zeal, general acceptance, and extensive usefulness until the year 1837, when from indisposition he was compelled to desist for a season from his public labours, until the partial restoration of his health enabled him to resume his beloved employment. He had again to retire in 1841, in consequence of the effects of an accident, but although unable to pursue his former toils, his heart was engaged as deeply as ever in the work of the Lord, and with a zeal and fidelity which edified and delighted all with whom he had intercourse, he ceased not to shine "as a true witness for his Lord." He was remarkable for meekness simplicity of spirit, warm christian affection and faithfulness as a pastor. He lived in the confidence and love of his brethren in the ministry, and in the cordial esteem of all who knew him. As might have been expected, a life so holy and useful, was crowned with a eminently peaceful and triumphant end. He died on the 31st of July, 1844, in the 66th year of his age, and 47th of his ministry.

(2.)—DANIEL PEDLOW, at Passage West, in the Cork Circuit, in the 74th year of his age, and the 50th of his ministry. At the age of thirteen he was awakened to a sense of his sin and danger under a sermon preached by the late Rev. John Miller, and soon became the subject of regenerating grace. He was called to the ministry in 1794, and laboured diligently and usefully until 1825, when he was compelled by declining health to become a Supernumerary. He did not then, however, cease to employ his remaining strength for the glory of his Divine Master, but until his last illness continued to preach occasionally, and so to fulfil the *duties of* a pastor as to receive the respect and affection *of the people* amongst whom he resided. Kind and

gentle in his manner, conciliating and sympathizing in his disposition, by an humble and consistent life he evinced the genuineness of the religion which he experienced and taught. During a painful and protracted illness his patience and tranquility of mind were remarkable. He often said, "all is well." "I am in the hands of my heavenly Father." "I have served a good Master." As his end drew near his consolation increased, and through the blood of the everlasting covenant, he died in the cheering hope of a glorious immortality, on the 9th of November, 1844.

(3.)—JAMES BELL, who was born in the North of Ireland in 1759. For more than twenty years of his life, he remained a stranger to the power of experimental religion. but by attending on the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodists, he was convinced of his personal guilt, and through the exercise of faith in the atonement, he obtained the forgiveness of his sins, and was enabled to "rejoice in hope of the glory of God." He soon felt pressed in spirit to call sinners to repentance; and having some fruit of his labours, and believing himself to be "moved by the Holy Ghost," he offered himself for the work of the ministry, was accepted by the Conference, and in the year 1790, appointed to a Circuit. He laboured with great faithfulness for thirty-seven years, chiefly as an Irish Missionary, proclaiming in both English and Irish, to his benighted countrymen, the glad tidings of salvation, and often in the fairs and markets, though exposed to the greatest danger, from the violence, of wicked men. When no longer able to do the regular work of a Wesleyan Minister, he settled in Dublin, and employed his time, in preaching, meeting classes, and visiting the sick, particularly the poor. He was an humble, devoted, and happy christian, an affectionate, and faithful pastor, and a useful preacher, whose sermons were distinguished, by their scriptural simplicity, his only object evidently being the salvation of those that heard him. He did not labour in vain, God gave him seals to his ministry, who will be his crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus. Such was the *prostration* of his strength, for the last two

years of his life, that he was unable to attend on public worship, but he continued to rise early, and to spend several hours every day, in reading and prayer. His communion with God was uninterrupted; and his confidence in God unshaken, until at length in extreme weakness he fell asleep in Jesus, December 8th. 1844, aged, eighty-five.

(4.) JAMES M'KEE, a native of Castleblaney, in the County Monaghan. In the 17th year of his age he was deeply convinced of his fallen state, and having earnestly sought, he speedily found redemption in the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of Sins. He soon began to invite others to the enjoyment of the mercy which he had obtained, and being found faithful, was after some time regularly called into the work of our ministry. His labours in the Circuits to which he was appointed were crowned by the Divine blessing in the conversion of souls; and the genuine piety, good sense, and great integrity, which marked his character, together with his fervent zeal, ardent thirst for useful knowledge, and mental improvement, encouraged the hope that he would occupy a place of considerable usefulness among his brethren; but in the mysterious providence of God by a rapid decline he has been removed to a higher sphere. He died in the full assurance of hope, on Sunday, May the 11th, 1845, in the 28th year of his age, and the sixth of his ministry.

(5.)—MATTHEW TOBIAS, was born in Charlemont, Co. Armagh, in the year 1770. He was awakened to a sense of his guilt as a sinner in his twelfth year, and sought salvation with intense earnestness, until he was enabled to rest his soul on the blood of atonement, and found peace with God. From this time he walked in the way of righteousness, and gave such proofs of piety, talent, and usefulness, that having been recommended to the Conference by the venerable John Crook, he was called into our ministry, and appointed to the Downpatrick circuit in 1791. From that period he continued to labour with fidelity and success, filling the highest *offices*, and occupying the most important stations in the *Irish connexion* for the long period of forty-two years

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When his health so failed that he had to become a supernumerary, he settled in Belfast and continued to preach as frequently as his health would permit, and taking a deep interest in the prosperity of our missions, he often successfully pleaded the cause of the Heathen world in those places where his assistance was desired.

He was a man of strong understanding, clear apprehension, and retentive memory; his knowledge of our doctrines and discipline was accurate and comprehensive, and his attachment to Methodism was decided and unwavering, through the whole course of his life. By extensive reading his mind was well stored with useful knowledge, which he, in the most judicious manner, brought to bear on his exposition of the word of God.

As a preacher he was clear, evangelical, instructive, and solemnly impressive; in the pulpit he felt that he had God's message to deliver to perishing sinners, and that his one business was to save souls. He was an able minister of the new Testament, rightly dividing the word of truth; and God gave him many seals to his ministry, even souls for his hire.

In debate, he would sometimes pour out such a torrent of sound argument, as would confound his opponents, and carry the entire audience with him; but no triumph ever afforded him so much pleasure, as witnessing the triumph of the Gospel, through the preaching of the word of God. In the administration of discipline, and in opposing what he considered to be error, his manner was sometimes severe, and his language strong; but in his intercourse with his colleagues, and amongst his friends, he was affectionately kind. His powers of conversation were very great, and those young persons who were favoured with his friendship, were instructed by his judicious remarks, by the wisdom of his advice, and were directed to the best modes of improving their time.

More than two years before his death his vigorous mind yielded to the pressure of disease, and he was reduced to a state of second childhood; but, in his brighter moments, he declared his confidence in God, and manifested his strong attachment to Methodism. *He quietly fell asleep* in Jesus, June the 6th. 1845, *aged seventy-five.*

Q. 5. Are there any objections to any of our preach
A. They were examined one by one.
Q. 6. How shall our ministers and preachers on
be stationed for the ensuing year?
A. As follows, viz:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin,*	Robert Masaroon, John Greer, J Duncan, John Hay.—Robin Scott.
Hendrick-st.	Robert Gibson Jones.
	William Ferguson, Henry De William Kidd, Archibald Ca bell, Patrick Ffrench, John Wilson, *Supernumeraries.*
2 *Kingstown,*	Samuel M'Dowell; George M' wain, *Supernumerary.*
3 *Drogheda,*	John Nelson, John Holmes.
4 *Dundalk,*	Claudius Byrne.
5 *Wicklow,*	John Hughes, Robert Hewitt.

N.B.—Letters to be directed to Rathd

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6 *Waterford,*	William Lupton, Thomas Ballar
7 *Carlow,*	Richard T. Tracy, John Higgin Robert Banks, *Supernumerar*
8 *Newtownbarry,*	James Murdoch, William Lebert
9 *Wexford,*	Robert Bruce, John Bagley.

RICHARD T. TRACY, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

10 *Cork,*	Thomas Waugh, William Re Joseph W. M'Kay; Joshua I man, *Supernumerary.*
11 *Cove,*	Robert Huston.
12 *Bandon,*	John F. Mathews. Anketell Henderson; Andrew Hamil Supernumerary.

	Courtmasherry,	Thomas Beamish.
13	*Skibbereen*,	John Williams, Edward K. Young; James B. Gillman, *Supernumer.*
14	*Tralee*,	William G. Campbell.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

15	*Limerick*,	Henry Price, John H. Atkins, Thomas M. M'Donald; Arthur Noble, *Supernumerary.*
16	*Roscrea*,	Robert Jessop, Henry M. Beale.
17	*Cloughjordan*,	James Henry; John Rogers, *Super.*

N.B.—Letters to be directed to Borrisokane.

HENRY PRICE, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

18	*Tullamoore*,	William Crook, James Hughes; Thomas Lougheed, *Supernum.*
19	*Athlone*,	John Harrington.
20	*Maryborough*,	John Saul, John Donald.
21	*Longford*,	Francis Stephens, William Foote; Richard Phillips, Richard Price, *Supernumeraries.*

WILLIAM CROOK, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

22	*Sligo*,	Frederick P. Le Maitre, James S. Waugh.
23	*Castlebar*,	John Liddy, Thomas Orbison.
24	*Ballina*,	Samuel Downing, William Burnside.
25	*Boyle*,	Robert A. Devers.

FREDERICK P. LE MAITRE, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

26	*Clones*,	Gibson M'Millen, Frederick Elliott; James Rutledge, Supernumerary.

27 *Killesandra,*	Robert J. Meyer, Francis Morro
28 *Castleblaney and Monaghan,*	James Black, David Robinson.
29 *Aughnacloy,*	John Waugh, Edward Harper.

JOHN WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

30 *Enniskillen,*	Robert H. Lindsay, William Darby; John Nesbitt, James Pratt, *Supernumeraries.*
31 *Brookborough,*	Robert Wallace, Andrew Huston Robert Crozier, *Supernumerary*
32 *Manorhamilton,*	John Foster, John Gilbert.
33 *Lowtherstown,*	John Armstrong, James Donal William Douglas. *Supernumera*
34 *Pettigo and Ballyshannon,*	John Jebb, James Kennedy; Sam Kyle, *Supernumerary,*

N.B.—Letters to be directed to Ballysh non.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

35 *Londonderry,*	Daniel M'Afee, Thomas K. Wh ker.
36 *Stralane,*	Robert Hamilton, Thomas Fost William Finley, *Supernumera*
37 *Omagh,*	William Mulloy, William Lou James M'Cutcheon, Robert C son, *Supernumeraries.*

DANIEL M'AFEE, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

38 *Belfast South, Donegall Sq. &c.*	William Stewart, Robert G. Cat A. M.; John Campbell, *Supe*
39 *Belfast North, Frederick-st. &c*	Fossey Tackaberry, George Var Thomas Ridgeway, *Supernume*
40 *Ballyclare,*	Samuel Cowdy.

41 *Donaghadee,*	William Cather, Wallace M'Mullan; Matthew Lanktree, *Supernumer.* who resides in Newtownards.
42 *Carrickfergus,*	Robert Black, Samuel Meredith; Michael Burrows, *Supernumerary.*
43 *Coleraine,*	William P. Appelbe, L.L.D., George Deery.
44 *Magherafelt,*	William Hoey, 1st., James Collier.
45 *Lisburn,*	Thomas Meredith, Robert Campbell; William Armstrong, *Supernum.*
46 *Downpatrick,*	Hugh Moore, William Butler.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

47 *Newry,*	John Carey, John Nash.
48 *Dungannon,*	John Hill, John Hazleton; Archibald Murdoch, Edward Hazleton, who resides in Moy, *Supers.*
49 *Armagh,*	George Grant, Frederick Stephens.
50 *Lurgan,*	James Johnston, Benjamin Bayly; Thomas Kerr, *Supernumerary.*
51 *Moira and Dromore,*	Robert Beauchamp, who shall reside in Moira, George Burrows.
52 *Tandragee,*	Henry Giles, John Oliver; David Waugh, who resides in Banbridge, *Supernumerary.*
53 *Portadown,*	James Tobias, Thomas M'Lorinan; Edward Johnston, 1st. *Super.*

JOHN CAREY, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

IN THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Lucan & Trim,*	Henry Geddes, John H. Boyd.

IN THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

2 *Kilkenny and Tipperary.*	Edward M. Banks, John C. Storey.

IN THE CORK DISTRICT.

3 *Youghal,*	William Richey.
4 *Fermoy and Mallow,*	William Starkey.
5 *Kinsale & De-Courcy Country,*	James Patterson.
6 *Kerry and the Mines,*	William Hoey, 2nd.

N. B.—Letters to be directed to Castletow Berehaven.

7 *Dingle,*	Alexander Twiss.

IN THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

8 *Killaloe, Ennis & Kilrush,*	James Sullivan, John Feely; Charl M'Cormick, who resides in Ta bert, *Supernumerary.*
9 *Galway,*	Thomas Hickey.

IN THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

10 *Tuam,*	William Cornwall.
11 *Ballinasloe.*	William M'Garvey.

IN THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

12 *The Barony of Erris.*	Edward Johnston, 2nd.

IN THE CLONES DISTRICT.

13 *Cavan,*	William Guard, Robert Bell.

N. B.—Letters to be directed to Belturbet.

14 *Bailieborough,*	William Keys.

IN THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

15 *Donegal,*	Jeremiah Wilson, John Walker.

IN THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

16 *Rathmelton, Letterkenny, & Stranorlar,*	Nathaniel Hobart.
17 *Newtownlimavady,*	Robert Bamford.

IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

8 *Ballymena & Antrim*, } William Brown.
9 *Ballycastle*, Edward Cobain.

Q. 7. What is the number of Members in our Societies?

A. Twenty seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty Six.

The Emigrations from our Societies during the past year have mounted to Seven Hundred and Twenty.

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Eight Hundred and Twenty eight Pounds, One Shilling, and Six Pence; and Twenty nine Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, and Eight Pence.

N.B.—Any reduction in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year, shall be considered a deficiency in the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 9. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. Two Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds, Five Shillings, and Two Pence.

Q. 10. What is the amount of the Collection towards the Education of the Preachers' Children?

A. Three Hundred and Seventy-six Pounds, Nine Shillings and One Penny.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the Chapel Fund Collection?

A. Four Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence.

When the Chapel Fund was first instituted, it was hoped that the Public Collections, together with the Subscriptions in the Classes, would amount to a sum equal, on the average, to One Penny per Month, for every Member in Society. But from a comparison of the number of members with the annual amount of income, it obviously appears that it has fallen far short of this reasonable expectation; for whilst a few of the Circuits, by a gradual improvement, have met, or nearly met, their full proportion, most of them have done comparatively *little, notwithstanding* their exemption from ap-

plications for the Building, or relief of Chapels, beyond the limits of their own Circuits. It is therefore recommended, that in future no Circuit shall be exempted from such applications, unless it raise annually, at least, one half the sum required by the original Rule of the Institution. Even such an increase would greatly augment the good designed to be effected by means of the Chapel Fund.

☞ To this notification the Conference earnestly request particular attention.

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Missionary Collection?

A. Six Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Five Pounds, Four Shillings and Nine Pence, including about Six Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Christmas offerings.

Q. 13. How many Wives and Children are to be provided for this year; and what is the amount expected from the Circuits to assist the increased allowance to the Superannuated Preachers and the Widows?

A. Sixty nine wives, and one hundred and forty-eight children for maintenance, and seventy children for education; and three hundred and twelve pounds, fourteen shillings and three pence, for the superannuated Preachers, and the Widows.

Q. 14. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the several Districts, aided by grants from the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz:—

DISTRICTS.	Numbers in Society.	Amount for support of Wives, Maintenance, and Education of Children, &c.	Grants from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin.....	2325	243 3 9	£125
2 Waterford.....	1201	125 2 1	121
3 Cork	1710	178 2 6	81
4 Limerick.....	828	86 5 0	57
5 Tullamoore.....	1003	104 9 7	108
6 Sligo.....	1139	118 12 11	90
7 Clones.....	1973	205 10 5	183
8 Enniskillen.....	4358	453 19 2	334
9 Londonderry.....	1746	181 17 6	157
10 Belfast.....	4358	453 19 2	261
11 Newry.....	4376	455 16 8	305
	25017*	£2605 18 9	£1822

*The above is the number of Members in the regular Circuits

ı of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two
the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will
ble at the Conference of 1846, which has been divided
districts according to their circumstances, to aid them
the demands upon them, which arrangement shall be
r the year.

The sum of £36 7s. 3d. will be expected from the
nbers on the Mission Stations, being their proportion
e new arrangements for Superannuated Preachers and
/s.

. Who are the building Committee, without evious consent, obtained in writing, no Chapel or 's dwelling, whether large or small, is to be purchased, or altered during the year?
illiam Stewart, William Ferguson, *Secretary*, ·eer, *Assistant Secretary*, Thomas Waugh, Rosaroon, with Messrs. D. F. Foulkes, Arthur nd Isaac Farrell.

ers on this subject to be directed to the Rev. William 35, Camden Street, Dublin.

Although the Conference is desirous of encouraging every ffort to promote suitable Chapel accommodation and for the families of the Preachers, nevertheless, in order a recurrence of the embarrassments arising from Buildations, every Superintendent is solemnly charged to see irections contained in the preceding Minute be strictly o; and if he suffer an expenditure on his Circuit of more for any of the above purposes, or any additional outlay e original contract, without the explicit sanction of the Committee previously obtained in writing; for such neficial duty, he shall forfeit at least two years of the time velled in the connection, and be deemed incompetent for of Superintendent.

. Who are the Committee appointed as Trustees ımentary or other Deeds relating to Donations ıenefit of the Methodist Connexion?

of those on the Mission Stations. By an arrangement ing Conference, the followlng is the number of Members dernamed Circuits and Missions:—Bandon, 582; Kinion, 119; Tralee, 88; Dingle Mission, 7; Comber Mission the Downpatrick Circuit, 366.

A. William Ferguson, Andrew Hamilton, William Stewart, David Waugh, Thomas Waugh, John F. Mathews, William Crook, Robert Bruce, and Robert Masaroon; the receipt of any one or more of whom shall be sufficient for any bequest.

Q. 17. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to review the concerns of our Missions previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. William Stewart, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, and Fossey Tackaberry; together with the following thirteen Gentlemen—Abraham Briscoe, Digby F. Foulkes, and Samuel M'Comas, of Dublin; Edward Robinson, of Cork; Henry Belcher, of Bandon; John Busteed, of Tralee; William Kelly, of Maryborough; Joseph Higgins, of Clonmel; Joseph Leech, of Roscrea; Henry Banks, of Carlow; Alexander Lindsay, of Londonderry; William Barlow, of Belfast; and Thomas A. Shillington, of Portadown.

N.B.—The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer, the first week in December, March, and June; also the yearly accounts of the Local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 18. Who shall compose the District Missionary Deputations for the ensuing year?

A. *Dublin*—Claudius Byrne, John Greer.
Waterford—John Feely, James Murdoch.
Cork—Robert Huston, Joseph W. M'Kay.
Limerick—Robert Jessop, John H. Atkins.
Tullamoore—Robert Bruce, John Donald.
Sligo—John Liddy, Robert A. Devers.
Clones—John Armstrong, Gibson M'Millen.
Enniskillen—Daniel M'Afee. William A. Darby.
Londonderry—Frederick P. Le Maitre, Thomas K. Whitaker.
Belfast—William P. Appelbe, Wallace M'Mullan.
Newry—Thomas Meredith, George Vance.

). Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?
Villiam Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly,
Bruce, John Carey, Robert Masaroon, Richard
y, John F. Mathews, James Sullivan, William
nd Abraham Briscoe, Esq. of Dublin, Treasur-
hn Nelson, Secretary to the Committee; Wil-
rgusson, Secretary to the Building Committee;
r with eleven brethren not being Ministers, one
ch District.
). Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of
eral Funds?
iomas Waugh, Treasurer, Henry Price, Secretary,
m Saul, Assistant Secretary, of the Contingent
2. William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masa-
ecretary, and William Cather, Assistant Secre-
the Worn-out Ministers and Minister's Widows
ry Fund, and Methodist Minister's Annuitant
, commonly called the Legalized Fund. 3. Wil-
rook, and Abraham Briscoe, of Dublin, Esq.,
ers; and John Nelson, Secretary of the Chapel
4. Walter Oke Croggon, 28, Lower Gloucester
Dublin, General Treasurer of the Missionary

1. How shall the Yearly Collection be made
roductive?
he Superintendents are required yet more care-
attend to our established regulation, viz:—to
ersonal application themselves, or by their col-
to every individual in all the classes on their res-
Circuits, and to see that no part of the proceeds
e appropriated in aid of any other collection.
2. What is the judgment of the Conference re-
g Daily Schools?
he Conference continues to record its deep con-
of the duty of endeavouring to provide an effi-
lucation in Scriptural and other useful knowledge
er it is practicable, by the establishment of
an daily Schools. The satisfactory Report of
hools already established was received with much
ation, and the Conference directs that it shall

be immeditely printed and circulated. The Chairmen of Districts at the May Meeting, are directed to make enquiry respecting the efforts made on each Circuit in procuring funds for this object.

The following are the Committee:—The President of the Conference, Thomas Waugh, William Stewart, William Ferguson, William Reilly, Robert Masaroon, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, and James B. Gilman; together with the following Gentlemen—Arthur Jones, John Power, M.D., Christopher Hamilton, Dublin; Thomas A. Shillington, Portadown; Joseph Young, Belfast; Alexander Lindsay, Londonderry; Edward Robinson, Cork; William Wilson, Limerick; and Henry Belcher, Bandon; the Rev. W. O. Croggon, and John William Briscoe, of Dublin, Secretaries; and Abraham Briscoe, of Dublin, Treasurer.

Q. 23. What shall be done to ensure a more correct and regular return of the number of members in Society, and the state of the several Circuits?

A. 1st—The printed Circuit Schedules shall be filled up at every quarterly visitation of the classes, and forwarded by the Superintendents, pre-paid, to the Chairman of their respective Districts, not later than the last day of the following month.

2nd—Each Superintendent shall produce for consideration, a complete plan of the preaching places on his Circuit, and their distances from each other, at the May District meeting, that the whole may be brought under special review, at the meeting of the Committee of Chairmen, preparatory to the Conference.

Q. 24. What are the regulations of Conference respecting the Members of Society removing from one Circuit to another?

A. 1st—When any of the members of our Society shall remove from one circuit to another, a certificate in each case shall be sent by the person removing, directed to the Superintendent of the Circuit. A separate letter shall be sent to the Superintendent by post informing him of the removal.

2nd—Each Superintendent shall be required to keep

list of the names of the persons leaving his Circuit, ith an account of the places to which they remove; gether with the date of each letter sent to the Super- ıtendents, the list to be produced at the May District leetings, and brought by the Chairman to the Con- erence.

Q. 25. What are the regulations of the Conference especting young men on trial, and those who may be Candidates for admission into full connexion with our ody?

A. The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a Sermon every year, at their respective District Meetings, during the period of their probation; and the strictest attention shall be paid to the following rules, viz :—

1st—"The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, all proposed to travel as preachers amongst us, but also to return minutely in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings, after such examination, respecting their *health, piety, moral character, ministerial abilities,* belief of our *doctrines,* attachment to our *discipline,* and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any Candidate, shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may be forthwith copied, if the Conference receive such Candidate upon trial, into the Book provided for that purpose.

2nd.—"The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every District Meeting, examine every preacher on trial, respecting the course of Theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose, every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District, a list of the Books which he has read since the preceding District Meeting. These lists shall be laid before the Meeting, that the Senior Brethren may have an opportunity of giving the Junior Preachers such advices and directions, respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

3rd.—"Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admision into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that Meeting, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, *in addition to the other Examinations* required by our existing Rules; and no Preacher shall be recommended unless the result of his Examination be satisfactory to the *Meeting.*

N. B.—The strictest attention to the Holy Scriptures nestly recommended to every Candidate for the Ministry, a us; as no one can be received as a Preacher into our con who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the of God. The attention of the Chairmen is directed printed document prepared for the regulation of the I Meetings.

Q. 26. What are the means recommended by the ference for promoting the work of God in our Societ

A. 1st—The Conference earnestly recommends the Preachers increased attention to mental imp ment by meditation, and prayer, and the readi such books as are best calculated to aid them in sacred work; more especially they advise a c study of the Holy Scriptures, which supply the materials of their ministry, and that they give du minency, in all their ministrations, to those vitall sential Gospel doctrines which God has been pl heretofore so eminently to bless in the conversi sinners, and the edification of believers in faith holiness.

2nd—That, as ministers of Christ, we should, in humility, and with increased earnestness, implore t and guidance of the Holy Spirit, whilst we dedicat selves afresh and more fully to our hallowed wo holding forth the Word of Life, directing penitent crucified Redeemer, and urging upon believers t tainment of a full salvation, visiting our people house to house, preaching more frequently in the mo and in the open air, securing sufficient time for me all the classes regularly at the quarterly visitations speaking to each member as the case may require diligently applying ourselves to the important wo meeting and catechising the children of our peopl congregations, and preaching occasional sermo their improvemement aud spiritual instruction.

3rdly—That we frequently meet the Societies, preaching on the Sabbath evenings—examine the Books, and converse with the Leaders on the st their respective Classes, at our weekly meetings—g encouragement to prayer meetings, wherever they

veniently held—and embrace opportunities of preach-
in private houses, wherever a congregation can be
lected; and appointing preaching on the week-day
nings, at such an hour that the people shall not be
ıt too late from their habitations.

ıthly—The Conference further recommends the uni-
m and consciencious observance of all our Rules of
scipline, and especially urges a particular attention to
tch-nights, private and public bands, and quarterly
ys of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, that the Head
the Church may pour out his Holy Spirit, that the
ıgdom of our God and of his Christ may be extended
l established in the earth.

**N.B—The Quarterly fasts to be held according to the rule ob-
ved by the connexion in England—namely, on the first Friday
r Michaelmas, Christmas, Lady Day, and Midsummer.**

Q. 27. What is the judgment of Conference as to
mode of giving out the hymns in our Congregations?

A. The Conference disapproves of reading and sing-
a whole verse of the hymn at once, instead of our
ıal plan of giving out successive portions of verses;
d seriously recommends guarding against any inno-
tions in the order of our religious services.

Q. 28. Who are appointed to be our representatives
the British Conference?

A. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and John F.
ıthews.

Q. 29. When shall the Financial District Meetings
held?

A. On the third Wednesday in August.

Q. 30. When shall the District Meetings preparatory
the Conference be held?

A. In the first or at the latest the second week in
ıy.

Q. 31. When and where shall the Committees meet
paratory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Dublin, as follows, viz:—

The Committee of Chairmen of Districts, on Friday
19th of June, 1846, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Stationing Committee on Friday the 19th Ju
at 2 o'clock P. M., and on Saturday the 20th June, 18
The Chapel Fund Committe on Monday the 22n
June, 1846, at 10 o'clock A. M.
The Daily School Committee on Tuesday the 2
of June, 1846, at 10 o'clock A. M.
And the Missionary Committe on Tuesday the 2
of June, 1846, at 2 o'clock P. M.

N.B.—Brother J. F. Mathews our Assistant Secretary is quested to attend the Meetings of these Committees.

Q. 32. When and where shall our next Confere be held?

A. In Dublin, on Wednesday the 24th of June, 18 at Six o'clock A. M.

N.B.—It is directed that special attention be given to the that no Circuit be left without a Preacher, during the sittin Conference; and those who remain on the Circuits shall no move, until officially notified of the Confirmation of the station the ensuing year. The Chairmen of Districts shall be respon for the observance of this rule.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

JOHN SCOTT, PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM STEWART, SECRET

Cork, July 1, 1845.

GENERAL VIEW

Of the NUMBER of MEMBERS and MINISTERS in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the World, according to the Minutes of the British and American Conferences for 1844.

		Nos.
Number of Members now in Great Britain,		337,598
... ... in Ireland,		28,409
... ... in Our Foreign Stations,		98,511
Total number of Members under the care of the British and Irish Conferences,		464,518
Under the care of the United States Conferences,		1,171,356
Total number of Members in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the World,		1,635,874
The number of Regular Ministers and Preachers on trial, and of those who are Supernumerary and Superannuated, is as follows; *viz.* :—		
In Great Britain,		
Ministers,	899	
Preachers on trial,	87	
Supernumerary and Superannuated,	143	1,129
In Ireland.		
...rs,	88	
...ers on trial,	14	
...umerary and Superannuated,	39	
...naries, viz. Ministers,	19	
Preachers on trial,	4	
Supernumerary,	1	
	— 24	165
...reign Stations,		
...rs,	288	
...ers on trial,	58	
...umerary and Superannuated,	13	
		359
...Ministers &c. in connexion with the ... and Irish conferences,		1653
...lethodist Episcopal Church in the ... States, in 1844,		
...s in Circuits, and Missionaries to the ...s and others,	4,282	
...merary and Superannuated Ministers,	339	
		4,621
Ministers, &c. throughout the World,		6,274

CIRCUITS.	No. in Society	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Fund.			Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Mission Fund
1 Dublin, ...	1600	179	0	0	61	5	0	61	7	0	66	18	0	615
2 Kingstown, ..	41	5	4	0	7	3	0	2	0	0	5	15	1	38
3 Drogheda, ..	240	12	0	6	9	10	0	1	11	6	8	12	0	80
4 Dundalk, ..	102	5	2	6	3	17	2	1	16	0	3	12	4	34
5 Wicklow, ..	342	9	17	1	6	5	1	2	5	0	9	2	10	123
6 Waterford, ..	297	20	0	0	10	10	0	7	5	0	13	0	0	134
7 Carlow, ...	280	12	0	0	5	0	0	1	17	6	6	7	6	92
8 Newtownbarry,..	400	11	12	0	6	5	0	2	2	0	8	5	0	84
9 Wexford, ..	224	12	0	0	8	0	0	1	11	6	7	12	6	92
10 Cork, ...	590	81	11	2	16	0	0	20	0	0	49	11	6	272
11 Cove, ...	75	9	15	0	4	5	0	2	16	0	2	5	0	61
12 Bandon, ...	600	43	0	0	17	5	0	13	4	0	25	2	1	171
13 Skibbereen, ..	375	16	0	0	4	13	10	3	10	0	8	4	0	102
14 Tralee, ...	95	8	6	1	2	8	5	1	11	6	4	0	0	38
15 Limerick, ..	376	32	1	0	9	16	0	8	14	6	14	1	10	120
16 Roscrea,.. ..	260	16	16	6	8	2	2	9	14	0	12	14	8	189
17 Cloghjordan ..	192	5	0	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	2	10	0	50
18 Tullamoore, ..	250	8	0	0	3	12	0	1	11	6	5	3	0	70
19 Athlone, ..	130	4	1	0	2	1	0	1	12	10	1	18	0	44
20 Maryborough, &c.	393	15	0	0	4	0	4	5	0	0	6	7	3	144
21 Longford, ..	230	6	0	0	3	0	0	1	11	6	5	6	0	66
22 Sligo, ...	580	14	10	0	4	5	4	4	0	0	12	0	0	180
23 Castlebar, ..	130	5	6	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	4	16	0	59
24 Ballina, ...	233	6	10	0	5	0	4	1	11	6	5	0	0	52
25 Boyle, ...	196	2	16	0	2	5	6	2	0	0	1	12	6	41
26 Clones, ...	633	5	15	0	3	19	11	1	15	0	6	2	7	97
27 Killesandra, ..	424	2	15	0	2	0	0	1	12	0	2	0	6	37
28 Castleblaney, &c	548	4	12	0	2	12	0	1	12	0	3	0	0	39
29 Aughnacloy, ..	368	3	13	0	1	10	0	1	12	0	1	12	6	24
30 Enniskillen, ..	932	8	0	0	4	0	0	1	11	6	5	8	0	94
31 Brookborough,..	760	6	0	0	2	5	6	1	15	0	3	15	0	61
32 Manorhamilton..	866	7	5	0	1	12	6	1	11	6	3	6	0	54
33 Lowtherstown,..	1135	6	18	0	2	2	0	1	11	6	2	15	6	68
34 Pettigo, &c. ..	665	4	0	0	1	10	0	1	11	6	1	10	0	27
35 Londonderry, ..	398	14	0	0	6	16	4	3	10	6	11	13	0	120
36 Strabane,.. ..	648	6	13	2	3	0	0	1	11	6	3	0	0	60
37 Omagh, ...	700	6	10	6	3	8	6	1	11	6	3	11	6	88
38 Belfast, South, ..	700	35	0	0	13	5	0	12	0	0	21	0	0	368
39 —— North, ..	804	26	2	6	6	2	0	8	9	6	14	1	1	158
40 Ballyclare, ..	310	4	10	0	3	1	3	1	11	6	6	13	6	50
41 Donaghadee, ..	532	8	10	0	5	13	4	1	11	6	6	8	0	93
42 Carrickfergus, ..	310	6	10	0	7	18	0	1	16	0	6	16	0	62
43 Coleraine, ..	320	7	0	1	6	17	0	2	0	0	7	2	9	120
44 Magherafelt, ..	540	5	8	0	1	13	6	1	11	6	3	6	0	42
45 Lisburn, ...	476	7	0	0	7	10	0	1	11	6	4	11	0	96
46 Downpatrick, ..	150	1	12	6	2	15	0	1	11	6	1	2	6	21
47 Newry, ...	315	5	18	6	3	4	5	3	11	6	5	12	9	73
48 Dungannon, ..	539	6	0	0	7	9	8	2	7	4	3	1	7	105
49 Armagh, ...	658	8	10	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	6	2	0	116
50 Lurgan, ...	674	8	5	2	4	5	0	3	5	0	4	11	6	93
51 Moira, &c., ..	612	9	0	0	8	0	0	2	0	0	5	12	0	93
52 Tandragee, ..	678	9	0	0	8	0	0	1	11	6	6	14	0	90
53 Portadown, ..	900	15	11	3	10	12	4	8	8	6	13	10	6	206
MISSION STATIONS.														
1 Lucan and Trim,	192	2	3	6	2	2	6	1	11	6	1	10	6	84
2 Kilkenny, ..	264	6	1	6	4	5	0	1	15	0	5	7	0	118
3 Youghal, ...	142	4	0	6	2	8	7	1	14	6	5	17	1	106
4 Fermoy, &c. ..	152	3	16	0	2	15	0	2	0	0	3	16	0	76
5 Kinsale, ...	101	3	3	0	0	18	2	1	12	0	1	4	4	26
6 Kerry. &c. ..	54	1	2	9	1	2	6	0	11	0	1	4	6	21
7 Killaloe, &c. ..	189	5	10	6	3	16	6	1	11	6	3	15	6	102
8 Galway, ...	91	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	10	0	30
9 Castlereagh, ..	42	1	6	6	1	4	9	1	4	6	1	4	10	27
10 Ballinasloe, ..	124	1	11	1	0	18	2	1	11	6	1	8	3	44
11 Barony of Erris,	26	1	6	6	0	4	0	0	10	0	0	4	6	17
12 Cavan, ...	212	3	12	0	1	4	6	1	11	6	1	6	0	54
13 Bailieboro' ..	140	1	11	0	1	1	0	1	11	6	1	0	0	23
14 *Donegal*, ..	586	3	3	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	2	1	6	93
15 *Rathmelton, &c.*	150	2	2	0	1	9	6	1	11	6	1	0	0	50
16 *Newtownlimavady*	107	1	5	0	1	1	0	1	11	6	1	1	0	32
17 *Ballymena, &c...*	215	1	14	2	0	11	11	1	11	6	3	1	7	39
18 *Ballycastle,* ..	97	0	14	6	0	9	7	0	12	6	0	13	4	28
19 *Comber,*	216	1	10	0	1	3	0	1	12	0	1	12	0	71
								206	5	2	492	14	9	3[illegible]

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TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year, ...	56	8	10
— Grant from British Contingent Fund, ..	650	0	0
— Do. from Auxiliary Fund, ...	250	0	0
— Do. from Book Room, ...	300	0	0
— Amount of Yearly Collection, £828 1 6 and 29 15 8	857	17	2
— Cash, per Rev. Thomas Waugh,	152	0	0
— Mrs. Sheil's Legacy, ...	3	13	6
— Mrs. M'Minn's Legacy, ...	10	0	0
	£2279	19	6

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	£	s.	d.
By Allowance to Districts, ...	2010	0	0
— Miscellanies, ...	147	10	0
— Grant to Limerick, ...	55	2	3
— Allowances for Furniture, and Ministerial aid to various Circuits, ...	28	10	0
— Balance, ...	38	17	3
	£2279	19	6

N. B.—The Sums of £11 8s. the amount of the late Mrs. Deave's Legacy, and £10, the amount of the late Mrs. M'Minn's Legacy, have been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society Fund.

Cork, 4th July, 1845.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

IRISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

WHILST according to our usual custom we again address you in assembled Conference, we desire to do so under a deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God, who has sustained and strengthened us during another various year, crowned our labours with his blessing, and brought us together once more to see each other's face with joy, in health and peace, and to blend our prayers and praises before his gracious throne.

The intercourse we enjoy in these Annual Meetings, as a part of our wise and excellent economy, we feel to be increasingly beneficial, in preserving and promoting our brotherly affection, confirming our mutual purposes of devotedness to God, and strengthening our hands in his holy service, "forasmuch as we know that our labour is not in vain in the Lord."

In our relation to you we heartily rejoice. Every succeeding year strengthens the bonds of our Christian union, and augments our obligations for your continued necessary and generous aid, so kindly afforded to us in all our exigencies and difficulties. The sentiments of fraternal regard, so affectionately expressed in your Address, we have received with much pleasure and thankfulness; and the tidings communicated as to the

uccess with which your labours have been blessed hroughout the wide field of your operations, are to us ccasion of delight and joy. We are the younger branch of the great Wesleyan family; but your strength is ours, and we magnify the grace of God in you.

We have no doubt you will learn with pleasure that, notwithstanding the numerous discouragements under which we have had to pursue our labours in this our beloved, yet, in many respects, unhappy country, we have also been blessed with some degree of success. After supplying deficiencies occasioned by death, and other painful causes, besides the loss of Six Hundred and Twenty-Two members of our body by emigration to foreign lands, we have still a net increase of more than Four Hundred above the returns of the preceding year. These facts, combined with the increasing peace and harmony of our Societies, and the steady improvement of our Connexional Institutions and Funds, are encouraging indications that God is still in the midst of us.

We participate in the mournful feeling with which you refer to the removal by death of such men as the Rev. Richard Treffry, the Rev. Thomas Galland, and that distinguished and apostolic Missionary of the Cross, the Rev. John Waterhouse. We too have had our bereavements:—three of our Brethren have, during the year, entered into their Master's joy; namely, William Hamilton, one of the most diligent, persevering, and successful of our early Irish Missionaries, and, for many years, the companion and fellow-helper of the indefatigable Ouseley;—the venerable Thomas Browne, full of days and full of blessings; and John Farrell, a devoted and promising young man, in the ninth year of his ministry. Four of our aged and infirm Brethren have been compelled to retire from our itinerant work. Whilst we have thus, each succeeding year, to mourn over the removal from our ranks of some of our Brethren, we have also to rejoice in the Lord, that He with whom is the residue of the Spirit, continues to raise up a supply of labourers for

our arduous work. This year six young men "of good report," after due examination, have been received on our Reserve List. Six others have been appointed to Circuits; of whom, three have enjoyed the advantages of your invaluable "Institution;" and all bid fair to serve the interests of the Church, and "their generation according to the will of God." Eleven young Brethren, who had completed the term of their probation, and after a particular and careful examination, in which they afforded entire satisfaction to the Conference, and "witnessed a good confession" before a vast assembly, were fully set apart to the sacred office by the imposition of hands. The Ordination-Services were held in our large and beautiful Centenary Chapel, and were peculiarly solemn, interesting, and impressive.

Much of our anxious attention has been directed to the important subject of Education. We deeply participated in your joy and gratitude on the withdrawal of the public measure referred to in your Address;—a measure so injurious in its tendency, and to which you offered such prompt and praiseworthy opposition. With you we feel "the duty and necessity of extending more generally, a sound, religious, and useful Education;" and while we have, with pleasure and admiration, heard of the decided steps which you have already taken for the furtherance of this important object, it is our regret, that, owing to many circumstances, which our Representatives can explain to you, we have as yet been able to accomplish but little in meeting the claims of our children and youth throughout this land. Such arrangements have been made, however, for bringing those claims more fully before our Lay-Friends, as, we trust, will, under the Divine blessing, be attended with favourable results. At the same time, we rejoice to say that our Irish Missions, and Mission-Schools, to which a few have been added in the last year, are in a state of increasing vigour and prosperity. This we attribute, in a great measure, to the faithful and judicious superintendence of your respected Agent, the Rev. W. O. Croggon,—the continuance of whose invaluable services *amongst* us we unanimously solicit.

The Missionary Deputation with which you favoured us, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. W. B. Stephenson, Boyce, S. D. Waddy, Hodson, and Fox, was highly acceptable and efficient. The missionary spirit continues to extend its influence among our people; in proof of which we advert with pleasure to our Missionary income, which, including Five Hundred Pounds of the Juvenile Christmas Offerings, shows an increase of Seven Hundred and Twelve Pounds in the past, over that of the preceding year.

The appointment of your highly-esteemed President, the Rev. John Scott, to preside in our Conference, has been to us equally satisfactory and profitable. The efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of his office cannot be soon forgotten.

The welcome presence and valuable services of the Rev. Dr. Newton, our long-known and much-loved friend, have, as usual, greatly subserved our interests, and contributed to our pleasure and profit. And the seasonable counsels and suggestions, the Missionary information and the public ministry, of our beloved brother, the Rev. John Beecham, have also rendered us essential service.

We had hoped, agreeably to your appointment, to have seen amongst us our cordial and ever highly-esteemed friend, the Rev. Dr. Bunting. His absence, however, has been satisfactorily accounted for; and while we earnestly pray for his continued health, we look forward with pleasure to the advantage of his presence at our next Conference.

We have deputed our beloved brethren, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and John Nelson, as our Representatives to attend your ensuing Conference.

And now, very dear Fathers and Brethren, after the business of a Conference in which a spirit of perfect unity and Christian love prevailed, we are about returning to our various spheres of labour. Our one desire is so to live and preach "the Gospel of the grace of God," that we may effectually "fulfil the

ministry which we have received of the Lord Jesus," and at length "finish our course with joy." But we are deeply sensible, that all our purposes and efforts can be of no avail, without the Divine guidance and blessing. And, such are the difficulties with which we have to contend in this divided and distracted land, that we are more than ever impressed with the conviction, that nothing short of a pentecostal effusion of the Holy Ghost can remove those obstinate and manifold hinderances which obstruct the progress of "the glorious Gospel of the blessed God." Whilst, therefore, we feel unfeignedly thankful, for all the encouragement and aid you have hitherto uniformly afforded us, in the prosecution of our arduous toils, we now, at this special crisis, "beseech you," Fathers and Brethren, "for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with us in your prayers to God for us;"—in which also we entreat the intercessions of the whole Wesleyan Community in your favoured land, until we are favoured with such an "outpouring of the Spirit from on high," that the word of the Lord shall have "free course and be glorified." "Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field; and the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever."

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 2d, 1844.

THE ANSWER

OF THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

BEING, by the good providence of God, permitted to assemble again in Conference, and having received, with joy your Christian and fraternal greetings, we earnestly pray that grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, may continue to rest upon you, and upon the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers.

We welcome with open hearts your faithful Representatives, the Revds. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and John Nelson, as brethren beloved,—who, while they have secured our heightened esteem, fully justify the confidence which you repose in them. The ample representations of your affairs which they have laid before us, taken in connexion with the statements contained in your very acceptable Address, have increased our joy, excited our sympathy, and drawn forth our prayers in your behalf. Our union with you is an occasion of great glorying to us; and we are fully determined to stand by you, and to make common cause with you, while you labour to repress error, and to spread truth and holiness through the length and breadth of your distracted, but deeply interesting, country. Methodism, which we believe to be one of

the purest, simplest, and most efficient forms of Christianity, that the world has known since the apostolic times, is our common inheritance; and we are equally interested with you in its preservation and extension. It is a sacred trust committed to us by God; and which he requires us to administer for the benefit of our race. Its spirit is catholic, its doctrines are evangelical, and its discipline is equally adapted to bless a village, and to pervade the world.

We rejoice to know that the bands of your discipline are unrelaxed; that your financial difficulties are diminished; that you were never more determined to preach our distinguishing doctrines; and that, notwithstanding the reduction of your numbers by emigration, your Societies continue to increase. The success with which God has been pleased to crown our labours, at home and abroad, demands our most ardent gratitude. In Great Britain, our increase has been Six Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-four; and on our Foreign Mission Stations, Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-three; which, with the increase in your country, makes a total of THIRTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED and THIRTY-TWO.

While we sympathize with you in the grief which you feel at seeing the greater part of your population wholly given to the idolatries of Rome, we rejoice that your hearts are undismayed by the threats and vauntings of your gigantic foe; and that in religious belief and moral purpose, you are as the heart of one man. We regard the system of Popery as opposed to the honour of God, the Headship of Christ in his Church, and the civil and religious rights of mankind. It corrupts the Gospel, and neutralizes the law: it neither renders to Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, nor to God the things which are God's. At home and abroad,—in all quarters of the globe,—under all forms of civil government, and among all grades of society, it is, at this day, struggling for supremacy; and it seeks this, only as preliminary to the establishment of its ancient and enthralling despotism. To oppose it, by the circulation

of the Scriptures, by the faithful preaching of the Gospel, by the power of united prayer, and by all the modes of a fervent, loving, and enlightened zeal, is the duty of all who love God, and their fellow-men. Nor shall such efforts be unavailing. Truth is great, and it will prevail. "The man of sin" is doomed to destruction: the "mystery of iniquity" shall, ere long, be finished.

It affords us much pleasure to know, that in your Conference Services, you found the "glorious Lord as a place of broad rivers and streams;" and we also, since we met, have been favoured with signal manifestations of His powerful presence in our assemblies. Our business, throughout, has been transacted in the spirit of harmony and of brotherly love; and on no former occasion have we felt more entirely one in mind and heart. The preaching of the word has been with power; and in our more devotional services, the most experienced have been instructed, the most faithful have been covered with lowly shame, and the most devout have enjoyed unwonted nearness to their covenant-God. We have all felt our utter insufficiency for our great work, and, abjuring all self-dependence, we have endeavoured to lay hold on the strength of the Lord. Our conviction of the necessity of personal holiness, in order to ministerial usefulness, has been strengthened, and we have resolved not to rest till we are "filled with the fulness of God."

The impressive allusion which you make to the necessity of divine influence, to render your ministry effectual to salvation, finds a deep response in our souls. If any one lesson has been more indelibly imprinted on our hearts than another it has been the utter inefficiency of all human instrumentalities, without the superadded blessing of the God of all grace. We believe that nothing short of a copious and extensive outpouring of the Holy Ghost, producing a general revival of religion in our congregations, can enable us to go in at the great and effectual doors which God has set before us, at home and abroad; or to discharge those weighty obligations under which he has laid us, by assigning us our exist-

ence in such an important era of the world's history. To do our duty at the present juncture, we need to have enkindled in us that fervid, absorbing, and consuming zeal which glowed in the martyrs; and which led the Apostle to say, "Neither count I my life dear to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God." We interpret the tokens of the divine presence vouchsafed to us since we came together, as a sure omen of future blessings, and of abounding prosperity; and if we continue in prayer and supplication with one accord, the Spirit shall doubtless be poured out from on high, and blessings shall be given such as there shall not be room enough to contain.

We have admitted into full connexion Fifty-seven young Ministers,—sound in the faith,—whose profiting, in practical and experimental piety, has appeared unto all; and much prayer has been offered up, that they may "obtain mercy of the Lord to be faithful." The season of their ordination was a means of grace, not only to them, but to their fathers and brethren in the ministry. The universal resolve seemed to be, that "Holiness unto the Lord," should be our motto;—our one great business, the salvation of souls;—and the concentrated theme of our ministry, "Christ crucified." The blessedness of that *season of power* can never be forgotton by any who enjoyed it; and were we only to retain the anointing then received, we might say to every form of opposition, "Who art thou, O great mountain! Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain."

It affords us great pleasure to learn that you also begin to reap the beneficial effects of our Theological Institution. The times in which we live require an intelligent, as well as a godly, ministry; and we give glory to God for enabling us to enrich so many of our probationers with an increase of ministerial preparation.

We rejoice that the subject of Education continues to *engage* your serious attention; and we hope that no

difficulties will be able to daunt you, till you shall have established one, or more, well-conducted Week-day Schools, under able and decidedly religious Masters, in each of your Circuits. We are fully convinced, that not only do the children of the poorer and working classes greatly need an improved religious and moral training, but that the continued efficiency of our Sunday-Schools, the increase of our congregations, and the permanent prosperity of our Chapel-Trusts, depend on the promptitude and zeal with which we embark in, and prosecute, this great work. The tide now flows, and it will bear us on, if we row with it; but if we sit still till it shall turn, not only will our difficulties be doubled, but our ultimate success will be greatly circumscribed. The Educational Scheme framed by our Committee in London has been carefully reviewed, and has received the unanimous approval of Conference; and we have reason to believe, that it will meet with the hearty concurrence of our people, now that it has been incorporated with the body of our general discipline.

The increase of scholars in our Sunday and Week-day schools, during the past year, is upwards of Twenty-Thousand. One Hundred and Forty-three additional Daily Schools have been commenced, with fair prospects of success; and about Thirteen Thousand Pounds have been already contributed to the General Education Fund. All this is cause for thankfulness; but our joy is moderated by the facts, that we have only made a beginning in a work which must extend through many years, which calls for a much larger pecuniary outlay than we yet can afford, and to the paramount importance of which, many of our people are not yet fully alive. It is a favour from the Lord, to be able at once to estimate the value of a religious or moral principle, though its latent and far-distant results be but partially developed: and the Princes of our Israel, on both sides of the Channel, must not be discouraged, though their liberal offerings should not, for some time to come, be imitated by their less enlightened brethren. When our Missionary enterprize commenced, it was supported only by a small

minority of our members; whereas, at this d
whole of our community, with only a few incons
exceptions, is combined to hasten the blissful
when the Son shall have "the Heathen for
heritance, and the uttermost parts of the eart
possession." We regard the religious and mor
ing of the rising generation, not only as a kindre
but as one which will prove subsidiary to the
and which, we hope, will, ere long, meet
equally generous and extended support. To acc
this, however, it will devolve on us to give
people of our charge "line upon line," on the pri
obligations, and advantages, involved in thi
question. With these views, we look forwa
high expectation to the opening of your Normal
in Dublin; and hope soon to hear that it is in v
and successful operation.

Among other grounds for gratitude which th
Head of the Church has given us, we reckon it
least, that he has spared to us and to the wo
beloved President; and that he has signally su
him in the discharge of his very onerous duties
many years, he has maintained a front-rank p
the conflicts which we have had to wage f
interests of truth and the integrity of our disc
and, under God, we owe much of our presen
ordered financial economy, and very much
religious prosperity, to his judicious counsels, en
labours, and unflinching adherence to principle. H
in the true spirit of a soldier of the Cross, foug
battles of the Connexion, we admire the gra
wisdom of that Providence by which he has been
to the Presidential Chair, for the *fourth time*, at a
when peace reigns in all our borders.

We have appointed our beloved President to pr
your next Annual Conference; and have reques
esteemed Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Newton, and tl
Dr. Alder, one of our General Missionary Secr
to accompany him: and, in compliance with your
wish, we have re-appointed the Rev. W. O. Cr
as General Superintendent of your Mission-Sch

Your liberality to the great cause of Christian Missions excites alike our gratitude and admiration; and we trust, that you, and your beloved people, to whom we tender our grateful acknowledgments, will not be weary in this branch of well-doing, knowing that in due season you shall reap, if you faint not.

We have appointed the Revds. Charles Prest and Thomas Hodson, as the Missionary Deputation to the North of Ireland,—the Revds. George Stewart and Frederick J. Jobson, to the South—and the Revds. George Marsden and William Horton, to the West.

And now, dear Brethren, assured that we are one with you, in faith and charity, and in every holy purpose and work, we earnestly pray that the hand of the Lord may be with you always, sustaining you in trial, and assisting you in duty; and that through you, great numbers may believe, and be turned unto the Lord. Amen.

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

ISAAC KEELING,
JOHN FARRAR,
WILLIAM BARTON,
} *Sub-Secretaries.*

Birmingham, August 17th, 1844.

THE

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

TO THE

METHODIST SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

THE important relation in which we stand to you, as the objects of our ministerial and pastoral care, renders it a duty, at once pleasurable as it is incumbent, to communicate with you thus, according to our annual custom.

On the morning of Wednesday, the 25th inst, our Conference opened by solemn prayer "to the only wise God," that, by his promised presence, he might graciously guide, controul, and cheer us, in all our deliberations and proceedings.

In this exercise,—expressive of humble and entire dependance on "the Father of lights,"—the bounteous "Giver of every good and perfect gift," we rejoice to know that we were joined by you, our beloved people throughout the kingdom, at the same hour, and for similar purposes.

To wait thus on God we proved to be no vain thing. Nor were you forgotten. "Absent in body we were present with you in spirit, joying exceedingly while we "beheld the steadfastness of your faith in Christ," and "labouring fervently in prayers" that you might have

ace to "stand against the wiles of the devil," during
e period of our needful absence from you. In giving
pression to these sentiments and feelings, we use no
gned words, God is witness. O! Brethren, "ye
e in our hearts to die and live with you." Yourselves
e witnesses that the Gospel we have preached among
ou, the ordinances we have administered, and the
isciplinary oversight we have maintained, have "not
een in vain in the Lord." Solemnly impressed with
ur corresponding obligations and responsibilities, it
s our devout and firm purpose to "look to ourselves,
hat we lose not the things which we have wrought,
ut that we receive a full reward." "God forbid,"
herefore, "that we should sin against the Lord,"
gainst your interests, or our own, "in ceasing to pray
or you."

With deep and unfeigned regret we have to inform
ou that our faithful, beloved, and justly venerated
riend the Rev. Dr. Bunting, has been prevented by
ll health from presiding at our Conference, as we had
ondly and anxiously hoped he would have been ena-
led to do. Having been obliged to retire from active
uty for a season, we invite you to join with us in
ervent prayer to Almighty God, that his health may
e speedily restored, and his most valuable life spared,
et many years, to the Church and to the World.

At his request the Ex-President, the Rev. John
cott, has kindly supplied his lack of service. Glori-
ing God in him, we have been abundantly refreshed
nd profited by the wisdom, prudence, and firmness
ith which he discharged the duties of his important
ffice; and also by his able public exposition and
pplication of the word of life. His presence among us
t this juncture has proved to us a singular blessing.

The Rev. Dr. Alder has also been prevented, by
ndisposition, from visiting us according to the arrange-
ment of the last British Conference.

By the merciful Providence of God we have been
rivileged to see our long-known and greatly valued
riend the Rev. Dr. Newton once more among us.

His wise and affectionate counsels in our Conference, together with his lucidly-simple, convincingly-impressive, and hallowing ministry in public, have rendered this an occasion of heartfelt satisfaction and delight, as well as of ardent gratitude to Him who walks "in the midst of the golden candlesticks," that this distinguished light of our Israel still continues to burn and shine to the edification and profit of admiring multitudes, and to the glory of God.

Our death-roll this year contains the names of the Rev. Messrs. James Carter, Daniel Pedlow, James Bell, James M'Kee, and Matthew Tobias, of whom a record will be found in the Minutes of the present Conference. Six young men, well-reported of for piety and gifts, who were recommended by their several District Meetings for our probationary ministry were, after due enquiry and consideration, accepted by the Conference. And six young Ministers were solemnly ordained to the sacred office in the presence of a very crowded and deeply interested congregation.

The Sessions of this Conference have been marked by a more than ordinary measure of "unity and godly love." The utmost harmony prevailed,—presaging a happy and successful year. Added to this cause of rejoicing and of hope, is the healthful state of our societies throughout the land. Despite of many adversaries, and of varied and perplexing hindrances, we have been favoured, in the past year, with signal and reviving tokens of the Divine presence and sanction; "and if God be for us, who can be against us?"

Of this fact there is evidence in the well-principled and growing liberality of our churches in Ireland, and of the successful zeal of many of them in procuring funds for the support and extension of the Gospel throughout the world. You will rejoice to know that the sum obtained for Missionary purposes, the last year, amounts to nearly £500 more than in the previous year. Yet, notwithstanding the numerous and decisive evidences that our cause in this country becomes more *and more* consolidated, we regret that in consequence

the emigration of not less than seven hundred and enty of our people to distant lands, we cannot this ar report a numerical increase. Grateful for past kens of Divine favour, let us in humility, prayer, and ith, look for such prosperity the coming year as will ore than fill up the chasm which may again be occaoned by such cause.

The important subject of Education was brought ost fully and satisfactorily before the Conference, by n admirable Report drawn up by the Rev. W. O. roggon, the indefatigable Superintendent of our Irish issions and Schools. He has been directed to preare and publish copious extracts from this Report, hat the public may be informed of what we, as a reigious community, are doing on this subject. We arnestly urge upon you the perusal of this document, nd we trust that thereby you will be stirred up to a eep and generous interest in behalf of our Educational nstitutions.

You will remember, dear Brethren, that God has evealed it as his purpose to enlighten and save the orld by the instrumentality of his church. Our Dine Saviour has taught us that his people are "the alt of the earth;" that they must possess and retain he "savour" of personal godliness, if they would be mployed in blessing others. It is an unalterable principle of the Divine administration that the universality of the Redeemer's reign is to be the result and reward of personal sanctity and devotion on the part of his ubjects,—according to the sure word of prophecy:—"And the kingdom, and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole Heaven shall be given to the people of the Saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."—Dan. vii. 27.

Influenced by these considerations we are fervently desirous that you may "come behind in no good thing." This is an age of speculation and refinement in matters of religion, and of undue deference to mere human authority. We therefore counsel you again, with affection-

ate earnestness, to make the word of God the subject of your constant, devout, and thoughtful perusal. Subject every doctrine to this test. Try the teachings of men,—learned and confident, and self-complacent though they be,—by this touchstone. "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

"The word preached" with the "demonstration of the spirit," is God's own instrumentality for saving souls from death. If others are in danger of undervaluing this instrumentality, and of substituting the rites of Baptism and the Lord's supper in its stead, take heed lest you also err from the truth in this matter. Far be it from us to depreciate or discourage revival prayer-meetings. These are important auxiliaries to the ministry of the word, and we exhort you Brethren gladly to avail yourselves of such means of grace. But we deem it right, to guard you against an evil into which many have fallen, namely that of deferring, till the meeting for intercession, the expectation of the needed blessing. If the living word does not profit our congregations to the extent desired, it is because it is not ordinarily mixed with expectant faith in those that hear. These things ought not so to be; and they were not so in Apostolic times. Then the Gospel *itself* triumphed in every place. It came to the people's consciences and hearts with power, and with the Holy Ghost, and with much assurance. O! may similar signs and wonders continue to be wrought under its ministration, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God!

Bear with us also when we express a fear that some of you, although enrolled in our class-books, are yet unrenewed. Contented in that state, and satisfied with nominal membership in the church, you are in imminent peril of being lost for ever. And the danger is the greater because of your peculiar religious advantages. The monitory words of the Lord Jesus are addressed therefore to you, as well as to those professedly of the *world*, "Except ye be converted, ye shall in no case

enter into the kingdom of Heaven." May you no longer rest in the form, without the power of Godliness.

What shall we say to you who have been freely justified? "Grieve not the Holy spirit of God," if you would retain your sense of pardon. And be it your anxious and believing enquiry "hast thou not on earth prepared some better thing than this for me?" If others decry christian holiness, resolved ingloriously to hug their chains, do you intensely seek to realise in your experience the answer of the Saviour's prayers and to prove the utmost virtue of his blood. Already you have been reminded that God will employ and honour the sanctity of his church in the conversion of the world. But the sanctity he will honour is not that merely which is doctrinal or professional, but that which is practical;—sanctity of spirit, temper, word and deed,—or, as the Apostle has it, "holiness in all manner of conversation." Since this is so, may it please God to answer the prayer:—

"O let our *lives*, to all around
With purest lustre shine!"

Those of you who stand in the parental relation will do well to remember that the duties of that relation cannot be devolved upon others. They are strictly and properly personal, and never can be performed by proxy. The daily or sabbath school teacher, or even the christian minister cannot do for your children what God requires at your own hands. To bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, both by discipline and instruction, and thus to train them in the way they should go, is your plainly prescribed duty, That training implies the inculcation of revealed truth, in language and by illustrations adapted to their ages and capacities, "when you sit in the house, when you walk by the way, when you rise up, and when you lie down." And pray for them by name, after the example of him who said "O! that Ishmael might live before thee!" In the performance of such duty you may repose with unfaltering faith in the cheering promise "when they are old, they will not depart from the way in which *they should go.*

It is of vital importanee that you attend, with a conscientious regularity the weekly meetings of your classes. This you will do if you desire your souls to prosper and be in health. Some of you know that avoidable absence has been the means as well as the proof of your melancholy religious declension. Business-depression, heaviness through manifold temptations, or other causes, may, at times render this means of grace an irksome duty rather than a delightful privilege. Should Satan urge you for this cause to absent yourself, do not for one moment listen to his wicked suggestions. Resist the Devil and he will flee from you; draw nigh to God by thus "assembling yourselves together" and he will draw nigh to you. In this matter, do not, like many, follow your feeling,—an unsafe guide at all times,—but rather the dictates of an enlightened judgment and conscience.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper, as an ordinance instituted by our divine master, is one of imperative and permanent obligation. Its administration among us has ever been sanctioned by reviving manifestations of his presence and approval. You have therefore no ground to slight or neglect it. No excuse, however plausible, can extenuate or justify such neglect. If through groundless prejudice, or other like cause, you omit to partake of this holy communion in our chapels, we affectionately admonish you to examine the matter carefully, and instead of yielding implicitly to the opinion or dictum of others, or the suggestions of the wicked one, to ascertain, and act according to, the will of God. Meantime unless you commemorate the death of Christ in this ordinance *somewhere*, you are guilty of a glaring breach of the divine command, "Do this in remembrance of me."

There is yet one topic more to which we invite your serious and practical consideration. What plans shall be adopted to secure the prosperity of our community, and to accomplish the end of its existence in Ireland? Let your practices agree with your principles and with your profession. Carry out and exemplify the ever-*active and aggressive* character of Wesleyan Methodism. Nor should your efforts to save souls from

.eath be confined to the Protestant community. Bring ll the ameliorating influences possible to bear on the condition of the Romanist population. Cry mightily to God to open for us "a great and effectual door" of access to them. But treat them personally with kindness, "that your prayers be not hindered." By the circulation of the scriptures and of evangelical tracts, as well as by friendly controversy labour to shew them the way of salvation.

A professedly Protestant Government, you are aware, has recently so far forgot the character and interests of the nation as formally to propose the permanent endowment of a college for the establishment and propagation of fatal error. Now, we are made to feel "it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man; it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes." Ye see your calling brethren at this eventful and ominous period. Give yourselves to prayer,—prayer on every subject that creates anxiety or alarm. It has been well said, "He that has the ear of God has the arm of God;" and that arm is not shortened that it cannot save Ireland from Ecclesiastical despotism, from vice and wretchedness. Almost all the means which human sagacity could devise to remedy the condition of this country have been employed Now let us try what prayer to the God of all power and might can do. To this duty we are urged by motives of christian patriotism, as well as by the illustrious examples of David, Daniel, Jeremiah, Paul, ar even the Lord Jesus Christ himself. The God of tru and love will be entreated. "His spirit shall be pour from on high; the wilderness shall become a fruitful fie —the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding ab dantly above all that we ask or think, according tc power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the ch by Christ Jesus throughout all ages world without Amen."

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conferenc

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secr*

Cork, June 30th, 1845.

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

Of the Wesleyan

MINISTERS AND PREACHERS ON TRIAL

IN IRELAND.

☞ The figures before the names denote the year in which they respectively began to travel; and those following the name whether this is the first, second, or third, appointments in their present stations.

		Yrs.
1834	Appelbe, W. P. Coleraine	2
1816	Armstrong, John, Lowtherstown	2
1805	Armstrong, W., *Super.* Lisburn	
1838	Atkins, J. H. Limerick	3
1841	Bagley, John, Wexford	2
1818	Ballard, T. Waterford	1
1831	Bamford, R. Newtownlimavaddy	2
1834	Banks, E. M. Kilkenny	1
1792	Banks, R. *Super* Carlow	
1832	Bayly, B. Lurgan	1
1845	Beale, H. M. Roscrea	1
1833	Beamish, T. Courtmasherry	1
1824	Beauchamp, R. Moira	2
1844	Bell, Robt. Cavan	2
1837	Black, J. Castleblaney	2
1836	Black, R. Carrickfergus	2
1839	Boyd, J. H. Lucan &c.	2
1839	Brown, W. Ballymena	1
1810	Bruce, R. Wexford	2
1830	Burnside, W. Ballina	1
1809	Burrows, G. Moira	1
1805	Burrows, M. *Super.* Carrickfergus	
1844	Butler, W. Downpatrick	1
1824	Byrne, C. Dundalk	1
1797	Campbell, A. *Super.* Dublin	
1812	Campbell, J. *Super.* Belfast South	
1845	Campbell, R. Lisburn	1
1831	Campbell, W. G. Tralee	3
1810	Carey, John Newry	2
1808	Carson, R. *Sup.* Omagh	
1841	Cather, R. G. Belfast South	3
1829	Cather, Wm. Donaghadee	1
1796	Clendinnen, J. *Super.* Bideford, England	
1810	Cobain, E. Ballycastle	1
1843	Collier, J. Magherafelt	2
1832	Cowdy, S. Ballyclare	2
1814	Cornwall, W. Tuam	1
1804	Crook, W. Tullamoore	3
1793	Crozier, R. *Sup.* Brookborough	
1834	Darby, W. A. Enniskillen	3
1844	Deery, G. Coleraine	1
1799	Deery, H. *Sup.* Dublin	
1840	Devers, R. A. Boyle	1
1837	Donald, J. Lowtherstown	2
1838	Donald, J. Maryboro'	1
1796	Douglas, W. *Super.* Lowtherstown	

1808 Downing, S. Ballina... 2
1840 Duncan, J. Dublin.... 2
1843 Elliott, F. Clones..... 1
1821 Feely, J. Killaloe, &c. 2
1790 Ferguson, Wm. *Super.* Dublin.....
1808 Ffrench, P. *Sup.* Dublin
1810 Finley, W. *Sup.* Strabane.....
1833 Foster, John Manorhamilton..... 2
1843 Foster, T. Strabane.... 1
1806 Foote, W. Longford... 2
1832 Geddes, H. Lucan, &c. 2
1840 Gilbert, John Manorhamilton..... 2
1834 Giles, H. Tandragee... 2
1823 Gillman, J. B. *Super.* Skibbereen.....
1835 Grant, Geo. Armagh... 2
1826 Greer, John, Dublin... 2
1821 Guard, W. Cavan..... 2
1789 Hamilton, A. *Super.* Bandon.....
1836 Hamilton, R. Strabane 1
1810 Harman, J. *Sup.* Cork
1828 Harpur, E. Aughnacloy 1
1826 Harrington, J. Athlone 2
1840 Hay, J. Dublin..... 1
1809 Hazelton, E. *Super.* Dungannon.....
1845 Hazelton, J. Dungannon.... 1
1841 Henderson, A. M. Bandon..... 1
1826 Henry, J. Cloughjordan..... 2
1838 Hewitt, R. Wicklow... 2
1835 Hickey, T. Galway..... 3
1842 Higgins, J. Carlow..... 1
1815 Hill, J. Dungannon.... 2
1822 Hobart, N. Rathmelton, &c..... 1
1831 Hoey, W. 1st. Magherafelt..... 2
1840 Hoey, W. 2nd. Kerry &c 1
1820 Holmes, J. Drogheda 2
1830 Hughes, J. Tullamoore 3
1835 Hughes, John, Wicklow 1
1840 Huston, A. Brookboro' 1
1829 Huston, R. Cove..... 1
1806 Irvine, J. C. *Super.* Pettigo..... 1
1815 Jebb, John Pettigo..... 1
1827 Jessop, R. Roscrea.... 2
1809 Johnston, E. 1st. *Sup.* Portadown.....
1845 Johnston, E. 2nd. Erris 1
1808 Johnston, J. Lurgan... 2
1840 Jones, R. G. Dublin... 1
1836 Kennedy, J. Pettigo... 1
1787 Keer, T. *Super* Lurgan
1806 Keys, W. Bailieboro' 2
1799 Kidd, W. *Sup.* Dublin
1806 Kyle, S. *Sup.* Pettigo
1794 Lanktree, M. *Super.* Donaghadee.....
1844 Lebert, W. N.T. barry 1
1825 Le Maitre, F. P. Sligo 3
1824 Liddy, John, Castlebar 1
1827 Lindsay, R. H. Enniskillen..... 1
1845 Lough, W. Omagh..... 1
1801 Lougheed, T. *Super.* Tullamoore .....
1828 Lupton, W. Waterford 2
1808 Lynch, J. *Sup.* England
1827 M'Afee, D. Londonderry..... 3
1807 M'Cormick, C. *Super.* Killaloe.....
1802 M'Cutcheon, Jas. *Sup.* Omagh.....
1844 M'Donald, T. M. Limerick..... 1
1808 M'Dowell, S. Kingston 1
1801 M'Elwain, G. *Super.* Kingston..... .....
1836 M'Garvey, W. Ballinasloe 2
1840 M'Kay, J. W. Cork.... 1
1845 M'Lorinan, T. Portadown..... 1
1838 M'Millen, G. Clones... 3
1841 M'Mullan, W. Donaghadee..... 1
1812 Massaroon, R. Dublin. 2
1818 Mathews, J. F. Bandon 2
1845 Meredith, S. Carrickfergus..... 1

1828 Meredith, T. Lisburn. 1
1837 Meyer, R. J. Killeandra..... 1
1835 Moore, H. Downpatrick 1
1844 Morrow, F. Killeandra..... 1
1829 Mulloy, W. Omagh.... 2
1790 Murdoch, A. *Super.* Dungannon.....
1833 Murdoch, J. Newtownbarry..... 3
1824 Nash, John Newry.... 2
1809 Nelson, Jno. Drogheda 3
1801 Nesbitt, J. *Sup.* Enniskillen.....
1810 Noble, A., *Super.* Limerick,.....
1841 Oliver, J. Tandragee. 1
1840 Orbison, T. Castlebar 1
1824 Patterson, J. Kinsale. 1
1804 Phillips, R. *Sup.* Longford.....
1808 Pratt. J. C. *Sup.* Enniskillen .....
1823 Price, H. Limerick.... 2
1808 Price, R. *Super.* Longford.....
1810 Reilly, W. Cork..... 2
1815 Richey, W. Youghal. 1
1789 Ridgeway, T. *Super.* Belfast, North.....
1837 Robinson, D. Castleblaney. 1
1803 Rogers, J. *Sup.* Cloughjordan .....
1802 Rutledge, J. *Super.* Clones.....
1826 Saul, J. Maryborough. 2
1835 Scott, R. Dublin..... 1
1830 Starkey, W. Fermoy. 2
1814 Stephens, F. Longford. 2
1845 Stephens, F. Armagh. 1
1800 Stewart, W. Belfast, S. 3
1843 Storey, J. C. Kilkenny 1
1824 Sullivan, J. Killaloe &c. 3
1822 Tackaberry, F. Belfast North..... 3
1829 Tobias. J. Portadown. 1
1817 Tracy, R. T. Carlow... 2
1845 Twiss, Alex. Dingle.... 1
1835 Vance, G. Belfast, N. 1
1836 Wallace, R. Brookboro' 2
1838 Walker, J. Donegal. 1
1800 Waugh, D. *Sup.* Tandragee.....
1840 Waugh, J. S. Sligo.... 1
1808 Waugh, J. Aughnacloy 1
1808 Waugh, Thos. Cork... 1
1837 Whitaker, T. K. Londonderry.....
1832 Wilson, Jer. Donegal.
1823 Wilson, J. S. *Super.* Dublin ....
1828 Williams, J. Skibbereen
1840 Young, E. K. Skibbereen.....

MINUTES

OF

;VERAL CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN

The Methodist Ministers

IN THE CONNEXION ESTABLISHED BY

[E LATE REV. JOHN WESLEY, A.M.,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

;UN IN DUBLIN, WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1846.

DUBLIN:

\TED BY THOMAS I. WHITE, 45, FLEET-STREET.

1846.

MINUTES.

QUESTION I.

Who are now admitted as Ministers INTO FULL CONNEXION WITH THE CONFERENCE?

ANSWER.

John Higgins, Robert Bell.

Q. II. What Preachers remain on trial?

A. (1.) Frederick Elliott, John C. Storey,
Thomas Foster, James Collier;
These have travelled THREE YEARS.

John Kerr Johnston, who travelled three years, retires want of health.

(2.) Thomas M. M'Donald, William Butler,
William Lough, William Lebert,
Francis Morrow, George Deery;
These have travelled TWO YEARS.

(3.) Thomas M'Lorinan, John Hazelton,
Frederick Stephens, Alexander Twiss,
Edwd. Johnston, the 2d. Samuel Meredith,
Robert Campbell, James M'Clintock,
Henry M. Beale, James Hutchison,
These have travelled ONE YEAR.

Q. III. What Preachers are now received on trial?

A. Samuel Ferguson, James Bass,
James Keys, Mortlock Long,
Joseph Johnston, Chas. Lynn Grant.
Richard Maxwell,

Q. IV. What Ministers have died since last Conference?

A. The four following:—

(1.) John Stethem Wilson. He was born in Hacketstown, in the county Carlow, Dec. 1799, became the subject of converting grace in the eighteenth year of his age, and entered the Wesleyan ministry in 1823. His natural disposition was unreserved and affectionate, and his sermons were characterized by a considerable degree of energy, and often accompanied by much of the gracious influences of the Holy Ghost. His last painful illness was to him "as a refiner's fire." The book of God was his companion, and he frequently expressed his confidence in its saving truths, and his enjoyment of the hope which it inspires; and when speech failed, he continued by signs to intimate his inward triumph. He fell asleep in Jesus, Nov. 15, 1845, in the forty-sixth year of his age, and twenty-third of his ministry.

(2.) Richard Phillips, at Glenmore, in the Longford Circuit, on the 24th Dec. 1845, in the sixty-eighth year of his age, and forty-first of his ministry. In early life he was brought, through the Wesleyan ministry to an experimental knowledge of his acceptance with God by faith in the atoning sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in 1804 he was called to take part in that ministry, which he continued to exercise, with acceptance, for forty years. Blessed with a good understanding, and a retentive memory, patient and prudent, enjoying the life of God in his soul, and warmly attached to the doctrines and discipline of Methodism, he preached those doctrines, and administered that discipline to the profit of many of our societies in this country.

In 1844, through debility, he was constrained to desist from his more public labours, but continued to preach occasionally, and to meet his class, as health would permit, up to the Sabbath on which he was seized with his last illness, when he preached, and held a love-feast. He bore his afflictions with Christian patience, often exclaiming, "*I* have no fear; I find I am fixed upon 'the Rock of Ages.'" His death has been greatly deplored by those

mong whom he resided for the last eighteen months of is life.

(3.) William Kidd, who was born in the neighbourood of Newry. He had from childhood the privilege of ttending on the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodists, nd at a very early age he obtained the evidence of pardon, n the witness of the Holy Ghost, through faith in the tonement of our Lord Jesus Christ; and that testimony, here is good reason to believe, he never lost. Very soon after his conversion, by his piety, zeal, and talent, he gave evidence that he was called of God to the ministry of his holy word. Under peculiar circumstances he was appointed to take the place of the late Rev. John Crook, on the Charlemont Circuit, in the year 1797, and, for the period of forty-one years, he was a most diligent, laborious, and faithful preacher of God's word. He improved every opportunity of publishing the glad tidings of salvation in the fairs and markets of the north of Ireland, and many who heard him on those occasions will appear as the fruit of his labours in the day of the Lord. He was well acquainted with the works of several of the most eminent English divines, but particularly with the works of the venerable founder of Methodism; he read the Scriptures regularly with close attention, and much prayer. His sermons were in general clear, able expositions of the word of God, rich in evangelical truth, and delivered, with great earnestness of manner, in strong and impressive language. His piety was sincere, uniform, and scriptural; his conversation devotional, animated, and instructive; his disposition contented and cheerful, and though he suffered much through life from lameness, occasioned by the dislocation of his right ancle when a child, yet the most thankful resignation to the divine will was manifested in all his various trials and afflictions. He continued to preach occasionally till within a few months of his death, when his weakness became so great that he could no longer engage in that work in which his soul delighted. A day or two before he died, he said to his wife, "I think I am soon to be removed, heaven is pouring much happiness into my soul." He fell asleep in Jesus, *Feb. the 18th, 1846,* aged 72 years.

(4.) Thomas Kerr, who was born near Castlederg, in the County Tyrone, in 1765. He was awakened and converted to God in the eighteenth year of his age, and some time afterwards, having given to those who watched over him good reason to believe that a dispensation of the Gospel had been committed to him, he was called into our ministry by the letter of the Rev. John Wesley, and sent in 1787 to assist his brother, the late Rev. John Kerr, in the Newry circuit. From that time until the Conference of 1822, with the exception of six years, during which he was obliged to remain a supernumerary, he continued to discharge, with great diligence and uniform punctuality, the varied duties of a Methodist minister. He was then, because of the exhaustion of his strength, obliged finally to desist from the labours of a circuit; but continued to preach, to lead or meet in a class, to hold prayer meetings, to visit from house to house, and to distribute tracts, until within a few weeks of his death. His sermons were short, pointed, and faithful; his good sense, piety, and store of valuable anecdote, rendered his conversation both interesting and profitable; and his prudence, uprightness, and affability won him the strong affection of the good to whom he became known, and secured him general respect, so that even the wicked have been heard to say as he passed by, "If there are any good men in the town, that's one of them." His confidence in Christ, and his delight in God, continued to increase till he entered into rest, on the 9th of May, 1846, in the eighty-first year of his age, and the sixtieth of his ministry.

Q. 5. Are there any objections to any of our Ministers or Preachers on trial?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. Who have resigned their places amongst us?

A. James Kennedy and Edward K. Young.

Q. 6. How shall our Ministers, and Preachers on trial, be stationed for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz.:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

Dublin South, mtenary Chapel, &c.	Robt. Masaroon, Gibson M'Millen, John Hay; Robinson Scott, Governor and Chaplain of the Wesleyan Connexional School; Wm. Ferguson, Archibald Campbell, Thomas Beamish, *Supernums.*
Dublin North, bbey-street Chapel, &c.	John Greer, Robert G. Jones, Thomas M. M'Donald; Henry Deery, Arthur Noble, Patrick Ffrench, *Supernumeraries.*
Kingstown,	Robert Wallace; Geo. M'Ilwain, *Supernumerary.*
	N.B.—Brother Wallace shall change once in three weeks with the preachers of the Dublin South Circuit.
4 *Drogheda,*	John Holmes, R. G. Cather, A.M.
5 *Wicklow,*	John Hughes, Robert Hewitt.
	N. B.—Letters to be directed to Rathdrum.

ROBERT MASAROON, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6 *Waterford,*	William Lupton, Thos. Ballard.
7 *Carlow,*	Richard T. Tracy, John Higgins; Robert Banks, *Super.*
8 *Newtownbarry,*	Samuel Downing, John Bagley.
9 *Wexford,*	Robert Bruce, William Lebert.

RICHARD T. TRACY, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

10 *Cork,*	Wm. Reilly, Joseph W. M'Kay; Joshua Harman, James B. Gillman, *Supernumeraries.*
11 *Cove,*	John Saul.
12 *Bandon,*	John F. Mathews, John Duncan. —Thomas Waugh; Andrew Hamilton, *Supernumerary.*

13	*Skibbereen,*	John Williams, William Lough.
14	*Tralee,*	William Mulloy.
		Robert Huston, and Anket M. Henderson, are appointe General Missionaries for th South of Ireland.

N.B.—Letters to be directed to C molin, county Wexford.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

15	*Limerick,*	John Nelson, Thomas Hickey.
16	*Roscrea,*	Frederick P. Le Maitre, Thos. H Whitaker.
17	*Cloughjordan,*	James Henry; John Rogers, *Su*

N.B.—Letters to Brother Henry be directed to Burrisokane.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

18	*Tullamoore,*	John Hill, William G. Campbel Thomas Lougheed, *Super.*
19	*Athlone,*	Samuel Cowdy, who shall chan with the Tullamoore preach once a quarter.
20	*Maryborough,*	William Crook, John Donald.
21	*Longford,*	Robert Bamford, David Robinso Wm. Keys, Richd. Price, *Su*

WILLIAM CROOK, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

22	*Sligo,*	Fossey Tackaberry, James Waugh.
23	*Castlebar,*	John H. Atkins, James Collier
24	*Ballina,*	James Murdock, Mortlock Lo
25	*Boyle,*	William Burnside.

FOSSEY TACKABERRY, Chairman of the *District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

26	*Clones,*	James Hughes, Richard Maxwell; James Rutledge, *Super.*
27	*Cootehill,*	William M'Garvey, James Keys.
28	*Killesandra,*	Robert J. Meyer, Joseph Johnston.
29	*Castleblaney and Monaghan,*	William Hoey the 2nd, William Foote.
30	*Aughnacloy,*	John Waugh.

JOHN WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

31	*Enniskillen,*	Robert H. Lindsay, Wallace M'Mullan; Robert Crozier, John Nesbitt, James C. Pratt, *Supernumeraries.*
32	*Brookborough,*	John Armstrong, Robert Campbell.
33	*Manorhamilton,*	John Foster, James M'Clintock.
34	*Lowtherstown,*	James Black, Robert Bell; William Douglas, *Supernumerary.*
35	*Pettigo and Ballyshannon,*	John Jebb, Thomas M'Lorinan; Samuel Kyle, John C. Irvine, *Supernumeraries.*

JOHN ARMSTRONG, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

36	*Londonderry,*	John Carey, Frederick Stephens
37	*Strabane,*	Robert Hamilton, Edward Johnston the 2nd; William Finley Andrew Huston, *Supernumeraries.*
38	*Omagh,*	Francis Stephens, George Deer James M'Cutchen, who resi in Newtownstewart, Robert C son, *Supernumeraries,*

JOHN CAREY, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

39	*Belfast, South; Donegall Sq. &c.,*	Henry Price, William A. Da Matthew Lanktree, John C bell, *Supernumeraries.*

40 *Belfast, North; Frederick-st., &c.,* Daniel M'Afee, George Vance; William Stewart: Thomas Ridgeway, *Supernumerary.*

Note.—Brother Stewart is authorized by the Conference to solicit the aid of our Friends in Ireland toward the re-building of the Chapel, Donegall Square, East, agreeably to a resolution passed unanimously at the Conference of the Centenary Year, held in Belfast, dispensing, in this special and important case, with the Rule which restricts applications for building purposes to the limits of the circuit in which the Chapel or Chapel-house is to be erected.

41 *Ballyclare,* Robert A. Devers.
42 *Donaghadee,* William Cather, James Hutchison
43 *Carrickfergus,* Robert Black, James Donald who shall reside in Larne Michael Burrows, *Super.*
44 *Coleraine,* William P. Appelbe, L.L.D John C. Storey.
45 *Magherafelt,* William Hoey the 1st, Charles Lynn Grant.
46 *Lisburn,* Thomas Meredith, Samuel Meredith; William Armstrong, *Su*
47 *Downpatrick,* Hugh Moore, William Butler.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

48 *Newry,* John Nash, Robert Jessop.
49 *Dungannon,* Claudius Byrne, James Bass; Archibald Murdock, Edward Hazelton, who resides in Moy, and Edward Johnston the 1st, who resides in Coal Island, *Supers.*
50 *Armagh,* John Harrington, John Hazelton George Grant, *Supernumerary*
51 *Lurgan,* James Johnston, Benjamin Bayle
52 *Moira and Dromore.* Robert Beauchamp, who shall reside in Moira, George Burrow

53	*Tandragee,*	Henry J. Giles, John Oliver; David Waugh, who resides in Banbridge, *Supernumerary.*
54	*Portadown,*	James Tobias, Henry M. Beale.

CLAUDIUS BYRNE, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

IN THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Lucan & Trim,*	Henry Geddes, John H. Boyd.

IN THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

2	*Kilkenny,*	Edward M. Banks, Samuel Ferguson.
3	*Tipperary,*	Thomas Foster.

IN THE CORK DISTRICT.

4	*Youghal,*	William Richey.
5	*Fermoy and Mallow*	William Starkey.
6	*Kinsale & De Courcy country,*	James Patterson.
7	*Kerry and the Mines,*	Frederick Elliott.
8	*Dingle,*	Alexander Twiss.

IN THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

9	*Ballinasloe,*	James Sullivan.
10	*Killaloe,*	John Feely.
11	*Kilrush,*	Samuel M'Dowell; Charles M'Cormick, who resides in Tarbert, *Sup.*
12	*Galway,*	John Liddy.

IN THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

13	*Tuam,*	William Cornwall.

IN THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

14	*Barony of Erris,*	John Gilbert.

IN THE CLONES DISTRICT.

15	*Cavan,*	William Guard, Francis Morrow.

IN THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

16 *Donegall,* Jeremiah Wilson, John Walker.

IN THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

17 *Rathmelton, Letterkenny, and Stranorlar,* } Nathaniel Hobart.

18 *Newtownlimavady,* Edward Harpur.

IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

19 *Ballymena and Antrim,* } William Brown.

20 *Ballycastle,* Edward Cobain.

Q. 8. What is the number of Members in our Societies?

A. Twenty-seven Thousand, Five Hundred, and Forty-six.

The Emigrations from our Societies during the past year have amounted to Six Hundred and Thirty-three.

Q. 9. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Eight hundred and Thirty-one Pounds, Nine Shillings, and Nine Pence; and Twenty-eight Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Seven Pence.

N.B.—Any reduction in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year, shall be considered a deficiency in the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 10. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. Two Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds, Five Shillings, and Three Pence.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the Collection toward the Education of the Preachers' Children?

A. Three Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds, Eight Sillings and Two Pence.

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Chapel Fund Collection?

A. Four Hundred and Sixty-nine Pounds, and Nine *Pence.*

en the Chapel Fund was first instituted, it was that the Public Collections, together with the Subons in the Classes, would amount to a sum equal, average to one Penny per Month, for every member Society. But from a comparison of the number of ers with the annual amount of income, it obviously s that it bas fallen far short of this reasonable exon; for whilst a few of the Circuits, by a gradual ement, have met, or nearly met, their full proporost of them have done comparatively little, notwithg their exemption from applications for the Buildrelief of Chapels, beyond the limits of their own s. It is therefore recommended, that in future no shall be exempted from such applications, unless annually, at least, one half the sum required by ginal Rule of the Institution. Even such an inwould greatly augment the good designed to be l by means of the Chapel Fund.

To this notification the Conference earnestly request parttention.

3. What is the amount of the Missionary Col-?

ix Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Ninety-four , Fifteen Shillings, including about Seven Hunounds of Christmas offerings.

4. How many Wives and Children are to be proor this year; and what is the amount expected e Circuits to assist the increased allowance to the nnuated Preachers, and the Widows?

eventy-three wives, one hundred and forty-two n for maintenance, and sixty-one children for on: and four hundred and eleven pounds, four s, and four pence, for the Superannuated Preachd the Widows.

5. How is this provision to be made?

y the several Districts, aided by grants from the ent Fund, in the following proportions, viz.:—

DISTRICTS.	Numbers in Society.	Amount for support of Wives, Maintenance, and Education of Children, &c.	Grants from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin.....	2220	235 17 6	£129
2 Waterford....	1146	121 15 3	118
3 Cork.....	1707	181 7 5	84
4 Limerick.....	757	80 8 7	52
5 Tullamoore...	950	100 18 9	104
6 Sligo.....	1065	113 3 1	85
7 Clones	2090	222 1 3	203
8 Enniskillen...	4364	463 13 6	346
9 Londonderry	1710	181 13 9	157
10 Belfast.....	4348	461 19 6	286
11 Newry.....	4316	458 11 6	308
	*24673	£2621 10 1	£1863

The sum of One Thousand, Eight Hundred, and Sixty-three Pounds is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1847, which has been divided among the Districts according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting the demands upon them, which arrangement shall be final for the year.

The sum of £48 17s. 8d. will be expected from the 2,87[illegible] members on the Mission Stations, being their proportion toward the new arrangements for Superannuated Preachers and their Widows.

N.B.—If any circuit return a deficiency, the amount shall be deducted from the grant from the Contingent allotted to the District the following year.

Q. 16. Who are the Building Committee, without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no Chapel or Preacher's dwelling whether large or small, is to be erected, purchased, or altered during the year?

A. William Stewart, William Ferguson, *Secretary*, John Greer, *Assistant Secretary*, Thomas Waugh

* The above is the number of Members in the regular Circuits exclusive of those on the Mission Stations. By an arrangement made during Conference, the following is the number of Members in the undernamed Circuits and Missions :—Drogheda, 23[illegible] Waterford, 249; Tipperary Mission, 21; Bandon, 578; Kinsale Mission, 128; Clones, 413; Cootehill, 423; Newry, 291; Tandragee, 689; Kilrush Mission, 58; and Killaloe Mission, 129.

Robert Masaroon, with Messrs. D. F. Foulkes, Arthur Jones, and Isaac Farrell.

Letters to be directed to the Rev. William Ferguson, 35, Camden-street, Dublin.

N.B.—Although the Conference is desirous of encouraging every prudent effort to provide suitable Chapel accommodation and dwellings for the families of the Preachers, nevertheless, in order to prevent a recurrence of the embarrassments arising from Building speculations, every Superintendent is solemnly charged to see that the directions contained in the preceding Minute be strictly attended to; and if he suffer an expenditure on his Circuit of more than £20 on any single building, for any of the above purposes, or any additional outlay beyond the original contract, without the explicit sanction of the Building Committee previously obtained in writing; for such neglect of official duty, he shall forfeit at least two years of the time he has travelled in the connection, and be deemed incompetent for the office of Superintendent.

Q. 17. Who are the Committee appointed as Trustees for Testamentary or other Deeds relating to Donations for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion?

A. William Ferguson, Andrew Hamilton, William Stewart, David Waugh, Thomas Waugh, John F. Mathews, William Crook, Robert Bruce, and Robert Masaroon; the receipt of any one or more of whom shall be sufficient for any bequest.

Q. 18. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to review the concerns of our Missions previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. William Stewart, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John Carey, Robt. Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, Fossey Tackaberry, Henry Price, and John Greer; together with the following thirteen gentlemen—Abraham Briscoe, and Edward Robinson, of Dublin; John Boyd, of Cootehill; Alexander Lindsay, and William M'Arthur, of Londonderry; William M'Connell, Alexander Murphy, Joseph Young, and William Barlow, of Belfast; Archibald M'Elwaine, of Coleraine; Henry Shillington, of Lisburn; Joseph Berry, of Moira; and Thomas Averell Shillington, of Portadown.

N.B.—The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be acted upon by the *Societies and Associations* in Ireland, as far as it is practi-

cable; and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer, the first week in December, March, and June; also the yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 19. Who shall compose the District Missionary Deputations for the ensuing year?

Dublin—Gibson M'Millen, Robert G. Jones.
Waterford—Robert Bruce, William Lupton.
Cork—Wm. Reilly, J. F. Mathews, William Richey.
Limerick—John Feely, Frederick P. Le Maitre.
Tullamoore—Wm. G. Campbell, Thomas Hickey.
Sligo—Fossey Tackaberry, John H. Atkins.
Clones—James Hughes, John Oliver.
Enniskillen—John Armstrong, James Tobias.
Londonderry—Samuel Kyle, Wallace M'Mullan.
Belfast—Robert Jessop, William A. Darby.
Newry—Daniel M'Afee, William Cather.

Q. 20. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John Carey, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, James Sullivan; William Crook, and Abraham Briscoe, Esq., of Dublin, Treasurers; John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee; William Ferguson, Secretary to the Building Committee; together with eleven brethren, not being Ministers, one from each District.

Q. 21. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our Connexional Funds?

A. 1. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, Henry Price, Secretary, and John Saul, Assistant Secretary, of the Contingent Fund.

2. William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masaroon, Secretary, and William Cather, Assistant Secretary, of the Worn-out Ministers and Ministers' Widows Auxiliary Fund, and Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society, commonly called the Legalized Fund.

3. William Crook, and Abraham Briscoe, of Dublin, Esq., Treasurers; and John Nelson, Secretary of the Chapel Fund.

4. Walter Oke Croggon, 28, Lower Gloucester-street, *Dublin*, General Treasurer of the Missionary Fund.

Q. 22. How shall the Yearly Collection be rendered more productive?

A. The Superintendents are required yet more carefully to attend to our established regulation, viz.:—to make personal application themselves, or by their colleagues to every individual in all the classes on their respective Circuits, and to see that no part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection. The Conference earnestly recommends the increase of this Fund, which is exclusively applied to the support and spread of the Gospel in our own land; and directs that its augmentation shall be a subject of conversation at the Financial District Meetings in August, and be resumed at the District Meetings in May, when the Chairmen of Districts shall inquire respecting the exertions made on each Circuit and Station, in relation to this object.

Q. 23. What is the resolution of the Conference respecting Daily Schools?

A. The Conference receives with much satisfaction the Report laid before the Daily School Committee by its Secretaries, and rejoices in the efficiency and success of several schools already established, and trusts that the number of Wesleyan Day-schools will, by farther efforts, be increased in the ensuing year. The Chairmen of Districts, at the May Meeting, are directed to make inquiry respecting the efforts made on each Circuit in procuring funds for this object.

The following are the Committee:—The President of the Conference, Thomas Waugh, William Stewart, William Ferguson, William Reilly, Robert Masaroon, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, and James B. Gillman; together with the following Gentlemen—Arthur Jones, John Power, M.D., and Edward Robinson, of Dublin; Thomas A. Shillington of Portadown; Joseph Young, of Belfast; Alexander Lindsay, of Londonderry; Robert Day, of Cork; William Wilson, of Limerick; and Henry Belcher of Bandon; the Rev. W. O. Croggon, and John William Briscoe, of Dublin, Secretaries; and Abraham Briscoe, of Dublin, Treasurer.

Q. 24. What shall be done to ensure a more correct and regular return of the number of members in Society, and of the *state of the* several Circuits?

A. 1st—The printed Circuit Schedules shall be fille up at every quarterly visitation of the classes, and for warded by the Superintendents, pre-paid, to the Chair man of their respective Districts, not later than the las day of the following month.

2nd—Each Superintendent shall produce for consi deration, a complete plan of the preaching places on hi Circuit, and their distances from each other, at the Ma District Meeting, that the whole may be brought unde special review, at the meeting of the Committee of Chair men, preparatory to the Conference.

Q. 25. What are the regulations of Conference re specting the Members of Society removing from on Circuit to another?

A. 1st—When any of the members of our Society shal remove from one Circuit to another, a Certificate in eac case shall be furnished to the person removing, directed t the Superintendent of the Circuit to which the party i about to remove, and sealed. At the same time, a not shall be sent to the Superintendent by post, informin him of the removal.

2nd—Each Superintendent shall be required to kee a list of the names of the persons leaving his Circuit, wit an account of the places to which they remove, togethe with the date of each letter sent to the Superintendents the list to be produced at the May District Meetings, an brought by the Chairmen to the Conference.

Q. 26. How may the experience, counsel, and super vision of our Chairmen of Districts be rendered mor available in cases of emergency?

A. The Conference unanimously adopts the minute o the British Conference of 1844 on this subject, viz.:- Each Chairman is authorized to visit officially any Circu in his District to which he shall be invited by the Superin tendent; or respecting which, after consultation with th Superintendent, he shall be satisfied that his interventio may be serviceable to the preservation of peace and orde or to the faithful and judicious execution of our disciplin or administration of our economy.

Q. 27. What are the regulations of the Conferen *respecting* young men on trial, as Candidates for admi *sion into* full connexion with our body?

t.—The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, ıposed as candidates for our ministry, but also to minutely in their District Minutes, for the consi- ın of the Conference, the opinion of the District gs, after such examination, of their *health*, *piety*, *character*, *ministerial abilities*, belief of our *doc-* attachment to our *discipline*, and freedom from s well as from all other secular encumbrances. In ıe District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends ndidate, shall state his age, and sign a recommen- character of him, which may be forthwith copied, Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into ɔk provided for that purpose.

—The young men on trial shall each be required to a Sermon every year, at their respective District ıgs, during the period of their probation; and the ɜnt of the District Meetings respecting those ser- shall be recorded in their minutes.

—The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every May ɔt Meeting, examine every preacher on trial re- ıg the course of theological reading which he has ıd in the course of the preceding year. For this ıe, every such Preacher is required to deliver to the nan of his District a list of the books which he has uring the year. These lists shall be laid before the ıg, that the senior brethren may have an opportu- f giving the junior preachers such advices and ons, respecting their studies, as may appear to be ary.

—Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, ımmended by his District Meeting for admission ll connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination Chairman, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. y's works in general, and especially with his Sermons s Notes on the New Testament, *in addition to the :xaminations* required by our existing Rules; and acher shall be recommended unless the result of his ıation be satisfactory to the meeting.

l.—The closest attention to the Holy Scriptures is ear- recommended to every Candidate for the Ministry amongst no one *can* be received as a Preacher into our connexion

who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the Book of God. The attention of the Chairman is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of the District Meetings.

Q. 28. What are the means recommended by the Conference for promoting the work of God in our Societies?

A. 1st—The Conference earnestly recommends to all Ministers and Preachers increased attention to mental improvement by meditation and prayer, and the reading of such books as are best calculated to aid them in their sacred work; more especially they advise a careful study of the Holy Scriptures, which supply the grand materials of their ministry, and that they give due prominency, in all their ministrations, to those vitally essential doctrines of the Gospel which God has been pleased heretofore so eminently to bless in the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers in faith and holiness.

2nd—That, as ministers of Christ, we should, in deep humility, and with increased earnestness, implore the aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit, whilst we dedicate ourselves afresh, and more fully to our hallowed work in holding forth the word of life, directing penitents to a crucified Redeemer, and urging upon believers the attainment of a full salvation, visiting our people from house to house, preaching more frequently in the mornings and in the open air, securing sufficient time for meeting all the classes regularly at the quarterly visitations, and speaking to each member as the case may require, and diligently applying ourselves to the important work of meeting and catechising the children of our societies and congregations, and preaching occasional sermons for their improvement and spiritual instruction.

3rdly—That we frequently meet the Societies, after preaching, on the Sabbath evenings—examine the Class-books, and converse with the Leaders on the state of their respective Classes, at our weekly meetings—give all encouragement to prayer meetings, wherever they can be conveniently held — and embrace opportunities of preaching in private houses, wherever a congregation can be collected, and appointing preaching on the week-day evenings, at such an hour that the people shall not be *kept too* late from their habitations.

4thly—The Conference further recommends the uniform and conscientious observance of all our rules of discipline, and especially urges a particular attention to watch-nights, private and public bands, and quarterly days of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, that the Head of the Church may pour out his Holy Spirit, that the Kingdom of our God and of his Christ may be extended and established in the earth.

5thly—The Conference directs that the preceding recommendations for the promotion of the work of God in our Societies shall be read by the Chairmen of Districts at the August District Meeting, and they are enjoined to make particular inquiry, at the May District Meeting, concerning their due observance.

N.B.—The Quarterly Fasts to be held according to the rule observed by the connexion in England—namely, on the first Friday after Michaelmas, Christmas, Lady-day, and Midsummer.

Q. 29. What is the judgment of Conference as to the mode of giving out the hymns in our Congregations.

A. The Conference disapproves of reading and singing a whole verse of the hymn at once, instead of our usual method of giving out successive portions of verses; and seriously recommends guarding against any innovations in the order of our religious services.

Q. 30. Who are appointed to be our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and Daniel M'Afee.

Q. 31. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the third Wednesday in August.

Q. 32. When shall the District Meetings, preparatory to the Conference be held?

A. In the first, or, at the latest, in the second week in May.

Q. 33. When and where shall the Committees meet, preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Belfast, as follows, viz.:—

The Committee of Chairmen of Districts, on Saturday, the 19th of June, 1847, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

The Stationing Committee, on Monday, the 21st of June, 1847, at 6 o'clock, A.M.

The Chapel Fund Committee, on Tuesday, the 22nd of June, 1847, at 6 o'clock, A.M.

The Missionary Committee, on Wednesday, the 23rd of June, 1847, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

The Daily School Committee, on Wednesday, the 23d of June, 1847, at 1 o'clock, P.M.

N.B.—Brother J. F. Mathews, our Assistant-Secretary, is required to attend the several Committees, previous to the Conference.

Q. 34. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Belfast, commencing on Thursday, the 24th of June, 1847, at Six o'clock, A.M.

N.B.—It is directed that special attention be given to the rule, that no Circuit be left without a Preacher, during the sitting of Conference; and those who remain on the Circuits shall not remove, until officially notified of the confirmation of the stations for the ensuing year. The Chairmen of Districts shall be responsible for the observance of this rule.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

JACOB STANLEY, PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM STEWART, SECRETARY.

DUBLIN, JULY 2, 1846.

GENERAL RECAPITULATION

of the NUMBER of MEMBERS and MINISTERS in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1845.

				Nos.
umber of Members in Great Britain,				340,778
itto in Ireland,				27,926
itto in our Foreign Stations,				99,609
otal Number of Members under the care of the British and Irish Conferences,				468,313
.B.—The Number of Regular Ministers, and Preachers on trial, and of those who are Supernumerary and Superannuated, is as follows, viz.—				
Great Britain,				
Ministers,		893		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated,		156		
Preachers on Trial,		99		
				1,148
Ireland,				
Ministers,		88		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated,		34		
Preachers on Trial,		18		
Missionaries, viz.—				
Ministers,	22			
Supernumerary,	1			
Preachers on Trial,	2			
	25			
				165
the Foreign Stations,				
Ministers,		288		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated,		11		
Preachers on Trial,		73		
				372
Total,				1,685

RECAPITULATION OF MEMBERS IN THE FOREIGN MISSIONS.

n Germany, France, Switzerland, and Gibraltar,	1,941
n Continental India and Ceylon,	1,559
n Australia, Van-Diemen's Land, New-Zealand, Friendly Isles, and Feejee,	13,236
n Africa (Southern, 3010; Western, 4277)	7,287
n the West Indies,	57,153
n British North America,	18,433
Total Number of Members under the care of the Missionaries this year,	99,609
Last year,	98,511
Total Increase,	1,098

CIRCUITS.	No. in Society.	Yearly Collectn. Fund.	Education Fund.	Auxiliary Fund.	Chapel Fund.	Miss ary F
1 Dublin, ...	1600	179 0 0	61 10 0	65 0 0	69 0 0	620
2 Kingstown, ..	42	3 17 8	6 15 0	2 0 0	5 0 0	38
3 Drogheda, ..	230	12 0 0	8 10 0	1 11 6	8 12 0	78
4 Dundalk, ...	94	5 2 6	1 13 6	1 11 6	3 12 0	22
5 Wicklow, ...	346	10 0 0	6 5 6	2 5 0	9 5 5	164 1
6 Waterford, ..	270	20 5 0	10 15 0	6 5 0	13 0 0	120
7 Carlow, ...	284	12 5 0	5 10 0	2 0 0	6 8 4	92 1
8 Newtownbarry, ..	395	11 12 0	6 5 0	2 0 0	8 5 0	92
9 Wexford, ..	218	12 1 6	8 0 0	1 11 6	7 12 6	90
10 Cork, ...	588	*71 0 0	12 16 0	14 10 0	22 14 2	400
11 Cove, ...	80	9 15 0	4 5 0	2 16 0	2 5 0	63 1
12 Bandon, ...	586	48 10 0	18 5 9	13 9 6	25 2 2	216 1
13 Skibbereen, ..	363	16 0 0	5 5 0	3 10 0	8 6 0	130
14 Tralee, ...	98	8 6 3	2 4 10	1 11 6	4 0 0	37
15 Limerick, ...	349	32 1 0	8 14 9	10 13 0	14 1 10	112
16 Roscrea, ..	212	16 16 6	8 0 0	9 14 0	12 0 0	177
17 Cloghjordan, ..	196	5 0 0	2 6 8	1 11 6	2 10 0	52
18 Tullamoore, ..	298	8 0 0	3 5 0	1 11 6	5 5 0	70
19 Athlone, ...	121	4 1 0	1 14 0	1 12 0	1 18 0	40
20 Maryborough, &c.	370	15 14 6	4 2 2	3 11 0	6 7 6	140
21 Longford, ...	221	6 0 0	3 3 10	1 11 6	5 0 0	70 1
22 Sligo, ...	573	14 12 6	4 18 6	4 0 0	12 0 0	105
23 Castlebar, .	77	5 6 0	3 12 2	1 12 6	4 16 0	62 1
24 Ballina, ...	218	6 10 0	5 0 0	1 11 6	4 0 0	38 1
25 Boyle, ...	197	2 16 0	2 6 0	2 0 0	1 12 8	35
26 Clones, ...	633	5 15 0	4 17 6	1 15 0	6 3 0	113
27 Killesandra, ..	424	2 17 0	2 0 0	1 12 0	2 2 4	50
28 Castleblaney, &c. ..	500	4 12 4	2 12 6	1 12 2	3 0 1	40
29 Aughnacloy, ..	330	3 13 0	1 11 0	1 11 6	1 13 0	33 1
30 Enniskillen, ..	950	8 2 0	4 0 0	1 11 6	5 8 0	97
31 Brookborough, ..	766	6 0 0	1 14 6	1 15 0	4 0 0	64
32 Manorhamilton, .	868	7 5 0	1 15 6	1 11 6	3 6 0	55
33 Lowtherstown, ..	1180	7 0 0	2 2 1	1 11 6	3 0 0	69
34 Pettigo, &c. ..	600	4 4 0	2 10 0	1 11 6	1 13 0	33
35 Londonderry, ..	360	14 0 0	10 7 5	4 2 6	11 14 6	122
36 Strabane, ..	600	6 13 2	3 0 0	1 11 6	3 0 0	63
37 Omagh, ...	750	6 16 10	3 8 6	1 11 6	3 11 6	86 1
38 Belfast, South, ..	700	35 0 0	11 5 0	11 10 0	21 0 0	314
39 —— North, ..	814	27 4 6	6 10 0	8 9 6	16 10 0	204
40 Ballyclare, ..	310	4 10 0	3 1 3	1 11 6	4 18 4	40
41 Donaghadee, ..	540	8 10 0	5 13 4	1 11 6	6 9 2	100
42 Carrickfergus, ..	302	6 14 0	9 0 0	2 0 0	6 18 0	68
43 Coleraine, ..	290	7 0 1	5 15 9	2 0 0	6 10 0	104
44 Magherafelt, ..	540	5 8 0	1 14 6	1 11 6	3 6	44 1
45 Lisburn, ..	486	8 15 0	8 10 0	2 0 0	5 5 2	115
46 Downpatrick, ..	366	3 2 6	4 0 0	1 15 0	2 0 0	64 1
47 Newry, ...	285	5 18 6	4 9 10	3 9 6	5 14 0	84 1
48 Dungannon, ..	551	6 5 0	4 1 8	2 7 4	3 11 6	123
49 Armagh, ..	646	8 10 0	6 0 0	2 0 0	6 2 0	125 1
50 Lurgan, ...	661	8 6 0	4 15 0	3 12 6	4 12 3	90
51 Moira & Dromore,	612	9 0 0	7 14 3	1 12 6	5 12 0	91
52 Tandragee, ..	670	9 0 0	7 0 0	1 11 6	7 0 0	85
53 Portadown, ..	866	15 0 0	10 2 4	8 0 0	13 0 4	192 1
MISSION STATIONS.						
1 Lucan and Trim,	206	2 5 0	2 4 0	1 12 0	1 14 0	94
2 Kilkenny, &c. ..	264	6 2 6	3 1 10	1 11 6	5 8 0	107
3 Youghal, ..	143	4 1 1	2 9 10	1 15 2	5 18 0	85 1
4 Fermoy, &c. ..	132	5 0 0	3 1 9	2 0 0	4 0 0	90 1
5 Kinsale, &c. ..	120	3 3 0	1 4 0	1 12 0	1 6 0	37 1
6 Kerry, &c. ..	64	1 10 0	1 9 0	0 16 4	1 12 4	25
7 Dingle, ...	35	3 3 6		0 1 9	0 13 7	6 1
8 Killaloe, &c. .	187	5 10 6	3 17 6	1 11 6	4 5 6	116 1
9 Galway, ...	81	1 0 0	1 2 6	1 11 6	1 12 6	30 1
10 Tuam, ...	46	1 7 0	1 4 9	1 5 0	1 5 0	32 1
11 Ballinasloe, ..	121	1 11 8	0 10 0	1 11 6	1 5 0	40 1
12 Barony of Erris,	28	0 18 0	0 4 0	0 6 0	0 4 0	16
13 Cavan, ...	220	3 12 0	1 4 0	1 11 6	1 6 6	65 1
14 Bailieboro' ..	136	1 11 6	1 1 6	1 11 6	1 0 0	26
15 Donegal, ..	586	3 3 0	2 0 0	1 11 6	2 1 6	100
16 Rathmelton, ..	152	2 2 0	1 10 0	1 11 6	1 2 0	54
17 Newtownlimavady,	107	1 5 6	1 1 6	1 11 6	1 1 0	32
18 Ballymena, &c. ..	255	1 14 8	0 16 10	1 11 6	3 1 7	51
19 Ballycastle, ..	97	0 14 6	0 9 7	0 12 6	0 10 0	25
Total.....	27546	831 9 9	373 8	2262 5	3489 0	9 978

* Ten Pounds, included in the Cork Yearly Collection, donation fr
Divine Providence.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.				Cr.			
To Balance from last year, ...	38	17	3	By Grants to the Districts, according to arrangement of last year, ...	1822	0	0
— Grant from British Contingent Fund, ...	650	0	0	— Miscellanies, ...	150	0	0
— Do. from Book Room, ...	500	0	0	— Grant to Limerick, ...	55	2	3
— Amount of Yearly Collection, £831 9s. 9d. and £28 12s. 7d.	860	2	4	— Allowance for Furniture and Ministerial aid, &c., to certain Circuits, ..	62	14	8
— Cash per Rev. Thomas Waugh, ...	150	0	0	— Amount not received from the Auxiliary Fund in 1845, ...	50	0	0
— Do. Interest on the late Mrs. Sheil's Legacy, ...	3	13	6	— Balance, ...	129	13	6
— Cash from Miss Jackson, per Mr. J. Shields of Parsonstown, for increasing the number of the Wesleyan Ministers in Ireland,	20	0	0				
— Cash, produce of the sale of books presented by Rev. A. Watmough, ...	46	17	4				
	£2,269	10	5		£2,269	10	5

N.B.—The sum of £10 11s. 8d., the Interest on the Legacy of the late Mrs. Deaves, has been transmitted to the Treasurers of the Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society Fund.

Dublin. 3d July. 1846.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

IRISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

HAVING been permitted, by the kind Providence of God, again to assemble at our Annual Conference, we hail with much pleasure the opportunity thus afforded of giving expression to the respectful and affectionate regards which we feel and cherish towards you.

At the same time, we desire to record our unfeigned acknowledgments to the Great Head of the church, by whose good hand upon us we have been preserved through the toils and perils of another year; and while several of our beloved fellow-helpers in this ministry have, since our last Conference, been disabled by disease or removed from us by death, we are mercifully spared to meet again and commune together concerning the work and ways of the Lord; devoutly purposing, in the strength of grace, to seek for deeper piety and more of the mind of Christ, that with renewed confidence in God, whose faithful servants we desire to be, we may enter on the untried scenes and circumstances of the ensuing year.

The sentiments of cordial brotherly affection conveyed to us by your excellent and highly-valued Address, were *indeed* cheering and refreshing to our hearts. We *greatly* rejoice in your recognition of us as brethren

ve obtained a part with you in the holy ministry;
are much encouraged by your "decided pur-
make common cause with, and stand by us, in
ercise thereof." Thereby we are assured that
ion with you is not merely a nominal one: *it is*
is real. We have "one Lord, one faith, one
, one God and Father of all," who, by his truth
ce, we trust, is "in us all." We therefore feel
ed, that your affection, and prayers for our
ity, are the result of your love to that Saviour
th made us one with you, and planted us as a
ing portion of his universal church, in a land of
s and of crime.

rejoice with you, and give thanks to Almighty
r the success wherewith it hath pleased him to
ou in your arduous and persevering labours,
out the different departments of your sacred
home, and in the wide field of your Missionary
abroad. We pray that you may be always
voured in the sight of God, and by his good
nce and the bounty of his people, have a plentiful
of the means and agencies necessary to enable
carry onward your noble enterprise, and prosper
nd more, until "every valley shall be exalted,
ry hill made low, the rough places plain, and the
straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be
l, and all flesh shall see it together."

to us cause of rejoicing also, that our blessed
has not suffered us to run in vain, or labour in
Yet "we rejoice with trembling," having to state,
e flow of emigration, which annually carries
ich large numbers of our Connexion to distant
as, during the past year, deprived us of upwards
n Hundred of our members, some of whom were
the most useful agents of our cause, and the best
people, in their respective localities; and at least
l number of our congregations and friends have
ed with them.

onsequence of these removals, and the other
ies with which we have had to contend, arising
e manifold errors and immoralities. the strifes
ord, which so lamentably prevail, and continue

to disgrace and afflict our country, our numbers are somewhat reduced below the return of the last year. This unusual occurrence has caused us much sorrow, and deep searchings of heart, and led us minutely to inquire into the actual state of our Societies; and while the small reduction of our numbers is fully accounted for by the untoward circumstances referred to, we have much cause of thanksgiving to our gracious Lord, for the unity, affection, and zeal of our people, and the prosperity wherewith he has blessed us throughout our Connexion. And hence, notwithstanding present appearances, from the influence of the system which you describe in your Address, and justly term "the giant-evil of our land," and all its other evils combined, together with the serious apprehensions awakened as to the consequences likely to result from what we deem, in common with you, a mistaken and dangerous legislation, —amidst the whole,—we are undismayed, and feel strongly encouraged to hope for still better and brighter days. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; therefore will we not fear though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early."

With earnest hope, we had fondly anticipated the pleasure of seeing our excellent, venerated, and much-loved friend, the Rev. Dr. Bunting, once more among us, presiding in our Conference; and while we sensibly felt the disappointment of our hope, we deeply sympathize with him in the affliction which occasioned it. We fervently pray the great Physician speedily to restore his health, and long preserve his life, and invaluable labours in the Connexion to which he has hitherto rendered such essential and important services. Our hope is, that we may have the joy of being favoured with his presence at our next Conference.

The place which Dr. Bunting was expected to fill, was, *at his request*, supplied by the Ex-President, the Rev. *John Scott*, by whom the several duties thereof were dis-

charged with great faithfulness and ability. In the Conference-chair, in the pulpit, and throughout his entire intercourse and communications with us, he appeared to enjoy and manifest much of the presence and spirit of his divine Master. May we duly profit by the wisdom and worth of his counsels, and ministrations of the word of life!

Again we have enjoyed the presence and privilege of our true and faithful friend, the Rev. Dr. Newton. Our estimate of his character and services to the interests of our Connexion, in his welcome visits to our Conferences and on other occasions for many years past, is already on record, and the repetition of it here would be quite superfluous: however, we may add, that that estimate has suffered no diminution by his late visit, but impressed it more deeply and indelibly on our grateful hearts.

We regret that our much-esteemed friend and brother, the Rev. Dr. Alder, was, by indisposition, prevented from attending our Conference as one of your General Missionary Secretaries; but we indulge the hope, that, in renewed health, we shall have the pleasure and profit of his presence, and valuable services, on some future occasion.

During the past year Five of our Ministers were removed from us by death; four of whom were among the aged fathers of our Connexion, and were beloved and honoured by their brethren. The fifth was a junior brother, who, for his piety, diligence, and faithfulness in the Circuits where he travelled, was much loved by the people, and regarded by his brethren as affording promise of considerable ministerial and pastoral usefulness in the church. Their names, and the character of each, will be found recorded in the Minutes of our Conference.

Two of our much esteemed and beloved brethren have, through failure of health, been reluctantly obliged to retire from the regular work, and are placed on the Supernumerary list. Eight young men of good report and promising gifts, well recommended by their respective District-Committees, have been received by this Conference on trial, and are appointed to Circuits.

One of them has enjoyed the benefits of the Theological Institution.

Six young Ministers, who had completed the full term of their probation, after having acceptably passed through the usual examinations, and afforded full satisfaction to our Conference, were, in the presence of a large and deeply interested assembly, before whom they witnessed a good confession, set apart by the imposition of hands to the sacred office. The Ordination-Charge was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Newton, with solemn and powerful effect.

The subject of Education has had our anxious and best attention. We are more than ever impressed with the conviction of its importance to the interests of pure and undefiled religion in this land, and of the weighty obligation that rests on us to promote it so far as is practicable. Could we command the necessary resources, gladly would we follow your noble example in this good work. We have the disposition, not the power; but so far as we can realize the means, we trust it will be seen and said of us; "They have done what they could." Our Daily and Sunday Mission-schools continue to increase and prosper, under the active and careful supervision of your esteemed Agent, the Rev. Walter Oke Croggon; and we respectfully request your re-appointment of him to the same office the ensuing year.

The honoured brethren of your Missionary Deputation, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Marsden, Squance, Horton, Stinson, Hodson, and Jobson, were highly acceptable and useful. Some of them came as the substitutes of others, who were prevented by unexpected circumstances from visiting us this year; but they were all well adapted to discharge the trusts confided to them, and, by their faithful labours, have done us, and the cause of Missions, essential service. We feel grateful to our blessed Lord, that while our general financial interests have not been suffered to decline, the Missionary spirit has been increasingly diffused among us, as is evident by the fact that the aggregate income of this year amounts to £6,495. 4s. 9d., being an advance of nearly £500 upon that of the previous year.

We have deputed our confidential and beloved brethren,

the Revs. Messrs. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and John F. Mathews, as our representatives to attend your ensuing Conference.

And now, very dear Fathers and Brethren, with hearts full of gratitude we thank you for all the kindness and care you have hitherto vouchsafed to us. You have been aware of our difficulties, and we have had your sympathies, your prayers, your pecuniary aid, and the frequent visits and important services of several of your eminent and able Ministers; and we heartily thank our heavenly Father, who "hath put this earnest care into your hearts" on our behalf.

It is our firm purpose to consecrate ourselves afresh to our sacred work, ever mindful of the solemn charge given by our venerable Father in the Gospel to his Helpers, on sending them forth as labourers into the Lord's vineyard, "Remember you have nothing to do but to save souls." But "who is sufficient for these things?" "Our sufficiency is of God." We trust He has renewed our commission; and, relying on his unfailing promise, "Lo! I am with you always,"—and on the needful supply of the Spirit,—we go forth in his name, greatly encouraged by the times of refreshing we have had from the presence of the Lord in this delightful and happy Conference. "Save now, we beseech thee, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech thee send now prosperity!" "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you."

Signed, in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Cork, July 1st, 1845.

THE ANSWER

OF THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

WE receive with pleasure and gratitude the Address transmitted to us through your valued Representatives, and gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity of their visit to reciprocate the expressions of our attachment and esteem; for these our annual communications are not unmeaning forms, nor idle compliments, but pledges of true Christian affection and ministerial brotherhood. We recognise you as possessing, not only that common relation to the Great Head of the Church which exists in the case of every Christian communion, and ought to be kindly acknowledged wherever it exists, but also those more special claims on our regard which rest on a common origin, a common faith, and a common discipline; and we trust that He who has hitherto given us one heart, and one way, will yet more fully "inspire" us, as well as all the other branches of His "Universal Church, with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord."

While we rejoice with you in those tokens of our Master's presence which you have enjoyed, we hear with sincere regret that various causes have operated to prevent any clear increase in the numbers of your Societies in the past year. It does not surprise us to be informed that many of the people of your charge should have sought in other lands the quiet and the

plenty which they have been unable to find in their own; but while we share in your sorrow at being compelled thus to part with them, we trust that many of them will be found by Christian Ministers and Missionaries in the countries to which they go, and will spread the savour of the knowledge of Christ in their respective places of abode. We cannot forget how greatly Methodism in America was indebted at its commencement to an emigrant from Ireland; and it is our earnest hope that many may be found to imitate, though it may be upon a smaller scale, and in more remote and less important places, the honest zeal of PHILIP EMBURY. But we have long felt, and you have no doubt shared the feeling, that the extensive emigrations from the United Kingdom which annually take place, supply a strong reason why the British Church should care for the spiritual wants of the Colonies, and endeavour to furnish the new settlers on their arrival with at least some of the many privileges which they left behind. This work, you are well aware, is attempted, as far as our means will allow, by our Missionary Society; and for this reason, among many others, we are rejoiced to hear of your increasing efforts in support of that noble institution. When we call to mind the history of its commencement and progress, the blessings which it has instrumentally imparted to thousands of immortal men, the prospects of usefulness which daily open before it in various directions, and the holy influence which it has reflected upon the churches supporting it, we cannot but adore the God of all grace for his abounding mercy vouchsafed to us, and congratulate ourselves and you in being permitted to share in so glorious an undertaking. Continue, dear Brethren, we affectionately entreat you, your most vigorous efforts in favour of a cause which so well deserves them.

With the history of our Missions there are always associated in our minds the names of departed worthies, who were princes in our Israel,—men of renown; and it affords us a melancholy gratification to call to mind, at every opportunity, their varied excellencies, and most serviceable efforts. Such feelings you too have experienced while recording the death of the late Rev. MATTHEW TOBIAS, whose praise was in all your churches,

and who was regarded with the most sincere respect by those among us who were acquainted with him. May He who holds the stars in his right hand, and kindles or quenches them at his pleasure, vouchsafe to repair the losses you have sustained, and raise up for you a long succession of faithful and able Ministers.

Of the state of our affairs you will be fully informed by your excellent Representatives. Here it may suffice to say, that our Conference has been a season of blessed harmony and mutual consolation; that the numbers in our Societies exhibit an increase over the preceding year, amounting to Three Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty; that Thirty-Two Ministers, having completed their term of probation, have been this year solemnly ordained, and about Forty young men, including those on our Foreign Stations, have been admitted on trial.

We have great pleasure in stating that our plan for the extension and improvement of our Week-day and Infant Schools during the next seven years, is obtaining a gradual increase of support and countenance from our friends at large; and we do not doubt that in proportion as it becomes more extensively known and understood, their zeal in its favour will be increasingly manifest. The children and youth brought under our care in our Schools, together with those of our members and hearers, constitute the hope of our churches. To them we must, in good part, look for our future members and office-bearers; and we are more than ever convinced of the importance and necessity of training them "up in the way they should go," and resolved, in dependence upon the Good Shepherd, diligently to feed the lambs of his flock.

In one respect the past year has been one of peculiar trial. We have observed a strong and growing disposition in the leading statesmen of all parties to allow the arrogant claims, and practically to assist the proselyting projects of the Church of Rome. We need not here specify the various indications of this disposition which have been exhibited, for they are sufficiently public and notorious; and even if *others* could be supposed to be ignorant of *them*, *you* cannot; for they nearly concern your own be*loved* country. But we have had the consolation of wit-

lessing also a most decided (though, unhappily, an ineffectual) resistance to their designs on the part of our own people generally. We are thus assured that they entertain a just estimate of "the Great Apostacy;" and have reason to hope that they are prepared to make all needful efforts and sacrifices on behalf of those most precious truths and liberties which are identified with genuine Protestantism. In the prospect of still further dangers and trials of the same kind with that which we have now passed, we have unanimously agreed to a series of Resolutions, expressive of our unabated hostility to the Romish system, and our determination to avail ourselves of every constitutional means to oppose the endowment of it from the National Treasury. Whatever may be the results of these efforts, we are fully determined, by the grace of God, steadily to pursue our evangelical course; to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ and Him Crucified; and to labour in season and out of season, that we may present every one of those committed to us perfect in Christ Jesus.

The visits of our valued brethren, the Rev. Messrs. Stewart, Waugh, and Mathews, the Representatives of your Conference, have, as usual, afforded much gratification. We have known them long, and esteemed them very highly in love for their works' sake; and we have also had great pleasure in seeing among us this year two other members of your body, the Rev. Messrs. Ferguson and Cather.

We have appointed the Rev. Jacob Stanley, our beloved President, to preside at your next Annual Conference; and the Rev. Dr. Newton, our Secretary, with one of the Missionary Secretaries, and the Rev. John Lomas, to accompany him. The Missionary Deputations are as follows:—for the north of Ireland, the Rev. Messrs. Henry Davis and John M'Lean; for the South, the Rev. Dr. Dixon and the Rev. George Osborn; and for the West, the Rev. Joseph Stinson: and it is our sincere prayer that each of these brethren, if spared to visit you, may come "in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ."

And now, dear Brethren, we affectionately bid you farewell. *In all* your labours, trials, and privations, we

shall ever feel a lively interest; and for your continued fidelity and success we shall not cease to make our requests known unto God. May He have you ever in His holy keeping, and may we with you be at last presented faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy!

Signed, in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

ISAAC KEELING,
JOHN FARRAR,
WILLIAM BARTON,
} *Sub-Secretaries.*

Leeds, August 15*th,* 1845

THE

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

TO THE

METHODIST SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

"Grace, mercy, and peace" be unto you, "from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." We once again gladly address you from this, our annual assembly, as our beloved in the Lord; and we deem it one of our most pleasing duties thus to reiterate our expression of affection for you, and of confidence in you.

With feelings of devout gratitude to Almighty God for his renewed mercies, we assembled together on the morning of Wednesday, 24th of June, in our beautiful Centenary Chapel, in Stephen's Green; when, as we are wont to do, we unitedly engaged in a public prayer-meeting, in which we were joined by many of our people. While we thus worshipped together, and were favoured with a gracious consciousness that God was in the midst of us, we rejoiced in the belief that thousands of our spiritual children throughout the kingdom were then bowed before the same throne of mercy, and, together with us, supplicating the Great Head of the Church on behalf of our Zion. We were cheered with the presence of our honoured and venerated President, the Rev. Jacob Stanley, who, by his unwearied attention to the business of the Conference, as well as by the public services which he conducted, afforded delightful indication that God has endowed him with "the spirit of power, of

love, and of a sound mind." Our pleasing anticipations respecting the appearance of the Rev. Dr. Bunting amongst us, we regret to say, were not realized; but our long-tried, and valued friend, the Rev. Dr. Newton, once more took his place in our Conference, and aided us by his counsels, and encouraged us by the affectionate sympathy he manifested in all our affairs. We need hardly tell you how much we were edified by his ministrations. We were also favoured, according to the appointment of the British Conference, with the presence of the Rev. John Lomas, who is as remarkable for the "wisdom from above" with which his accomplished mind is imbued, as for his meekness and suavity of disposition. His acutely reasoned and highly spiritual discourses will be long remembered by those who had the privilege of hearing him.

Two young men, who had completed their probation, were solemnly set apart by public ordination, to the work of the ministry; and seven young men of approved piety and gifts were accepted as candidates for the sacred office. The mournful record of mortality for this year contains the names of four of our beloved brethren:—the Revds. John S. Wilson, Richard Phillips, William Kidd, and Thomas Kerr: we lament the removal of these esteemed men, two of whom had preached the Gospel in our connection for more than forty years, and another—the venerable Thomas Kerr—had been nearly sixty years a labourer in the same hallowed work; he was one of the very few survivors of the second generation of Methodist preachers. These aged and holy men are passing away from us, but our gracious Master "ever liveth," and "great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of us." Each of these brethren, as he passed from time into eternity, witnessed a good confession, and could testify with our venerable Founder, "the best of all is, God is with us." We affectionately and earnestly exhort our Societies to follow these men, as they followed Christ. May we each be able to say, "for me to live is Christ, to die is gain!"

The several sessions of our Conference were graciously *favoured* with evidences of the Divine presence, and *although* we feel deeply grieved by the consideration that

our labours during the past year have not resulted in that growth of our Societies which we so ardently desire, yet we look forward with much hope to times of prosperity. The inquiry concerning this subject was accompanied with much searching of heart. While we are persuaded that our societies are generally the partakers of a deep and growing work of holiness, yet we fear that some of those we love require our affectionate and serious admonition against everything that would indicate or lead to a growing conformity to the world. Being assured that the pure, the simple, and self-denying spirit of our holy religion does not accord with a fondness for show, a readiness to adopt the fashions of the times, or a participation in what are called "innocent amusements." Wherefore, beloved, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." "Touch not, taste not, handle not."

Surrounded as you are by moral and spiritual darkness, you cannot but feel the imperative necessity of fully maintaining the very broad distinction which exists between the world and the body of Christ. Brethren, see that there be no compromise, "that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life, that we may rejoice, in the day of Christ, that we have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." While the cultivation of personal holiness is indispensable in order to the prosperity of the church, it should ever be associated with the promotion of family religion; if this be neglected, we cannot expect that our children shall be "a seed to serve the Lord," or become the future supporters of his work in the earth. Constant and habitual respect for, and attendance on, the ordinances of God's house, which are conducted amongst us—as the ministry of the word, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, class meetings, society meetings, and all our other stated means of grace—should ever be considered of sacred importance. The loss of the life of religion in the soul is generally the sad result of inattention to the public and private worship of the Most High, while, alas! that unfaithfulness, though perhaps not perceived, is the fruit of "an evil heart of *unbelief in departing* from the living God."

Our ranks are thinned, year after year, by the removal of great numbers of the members of our society, and of our congregations from the land of their birth: they go to other lands in quest of that support and protection for which they in vain seek in their own country. Yet, with all these discouragements, you and we may repose our utmost confidence in the efficacy of that gospel by which ourselves have been "made free." Let us only prove faithful to our original calling to spread Scriptural Christianity through the land, and we shall yet rejoice in the consummation of our wishes. "Our Jerusalem shall become a praise in the earth."

The departure of any of our dear people from a society by means of which they were led into the ways of peace, must be a source of unfeigned grief and humiliation to you as well as to us; but we rejoice, that, notwithstanding the defection of some, you remain "steadfast and unmoveable." You may adopt the nervous language of the poet of Methodism—

"When stronger souls their faith forsook,
And, lull'd in worldly, hellish peace,
Leap'd desperate from their guardian rock,
And headlong plunged in sin's abyss;
Thy strength was in our weakness shown,
And still it guards and keeps thine own.

"All are not lost, or wander'd back,
All have not left thy Church and Thee;
There are who suffer for thy sake,
Enjoy thy glorious infamy,
Esteem the scandal of the cross,
And only seek divine applause."

May the voice from the sanctuary be heard in the midst of our Church, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

In the hope of quickening our societies and congregations, and promoting the work of the Lord, we have appointed a general mission through the South of Ireland. The two brethren selected for this work have our fullest confidence, and, as we believe, are fitted for the *duty* assigned them. We commend them to your prayers, *and to* your regards, assured that, wherever they may

visit, you will help them in the Lord. We indulge the pleasing anticipation, that much gracious fruit will be the result of their labours—that while they are "the messengers of the Churches," they will also be "the glory of Christ."

Deeply convinced that yearning pity for souls, lively zeal, and unceasing effort for their salvation, are the duty of the private members, as well as of the ministers of our community, we most affectionately urge you to employ all likely means, in connection with this instrumentality, as well as our ordinary ministry, to convert sinners "from the error of their way," and thus "save souls from death." In connection with these hallowed objects, we exhort you to attend to the quarterly fasts, as published in the Minutes of Conference, and to seasons of special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The promotion of Sunday and Daily Schools will tend greatly to the enlargement of our Zion, by training our children "in the way they should go." We affectionately invite your attention to this subject, as referred to in the Minutes of Conference.

The importance of the yearly collection, as a principal means in order to the support and extension of the work of God in Ireland, has not been sufficiently attended to: we are happy to acknowledge your still increasing liberality to the noble cause of missions, the amount contributed this year has exceeded that of any former year; we rejoice *in* this, yea, and we will rejoice, but we press on your affectionate and generous consideration the necessities of the work at home. "Therefore as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." The extension of our godly cause in this our beloved country, depends mainly on an increased liberality in the yearly collection, an object that can be attained without much difficulty, and the benefits of which would soon be felt throughout the whole of our Irish connexion. We are, alas! too well aware of the political state of our country, and, interwoven as it is with the whole framework of society, it is difficult to treat of the moral condition of Ireland without the introduction *of political* topics, we cannot therefore regard

the present state of our country without feelings of serious alarm. Leaving, however, "the potsherds of the earth to strive with the potsherds of the earth," let us exert ourselves in the diffusion of the truths of our holy religion, that though we cannot remove the maladies which we deplore, we may, as far as in us lies, labour for their amelioration.

It cannot be thought surprising that men whose minds have never been raised above mere secular views, who have never themselves felt the power of the gospel, should resort to mere political schemes for the improvement of our country, but those who acknowledge the supremacy of *Truth*, repose their confidence in the efficacy of the gospel, and the accompanying agency of the Holy Spirit for its instruction and regeneration. The time must come when the claims of truth shall be demonstrated, and this confidence justified before the world! when Christian churches shall be thrown upon their own resources, and roused to an energy of action in the great enterprise, by which the country shall undergo a moral conquest; when their voluntary exertions and contributions shall be consecrated to this hallowed end; and the "foolishness of preaching" shall accomplish that which neither penal laws nor conciliatory measures of the state have ever been able to effect.

"And now, brethren, we commend you to God and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among them which are sanctified."

Signed by order, and on behalf of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Dublin, 3d July, 1846.

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

THE WESLEYAN MINISTERS,

AND

PREACHERS ON TRIAL IN IRELAND.

☞ The figures at the beginning of the lines show the *year* in which each Minister began to travel; and those at the end denote his *first, second, &c.*, annual appointment to his present Circuit.

		Yrs.
1834	Appelbe, W. P., Coleraine	3
1816	Armstrong, John, Brookborough	1
1805	Armstrong, W., *Super.* Lisburn.	
1838	Atkins, J. H. Castlebar,	1
1841	Bagley, John, Newtownbarry	1
1818	Ballard, T. Waterford,	2
1831	Bamford, R. Longford,	1
1834	Banks, E. M. Kilkenny,	1
1792	Banks, R. *Super.* Carlow.	
1846	Bass, James, Dungan.	1
1832	Bayly, B., Lurgan	2
1845	Beale, H. M. Portadown,	1
1833	Beamish, T., *Super.* Dublin, South.	
1824	Beauchamp, R. Moira,	3
1842	Bell, R. Lowtherstown,	1
1837	Black, James, Lowtherstown	1
1836	Black, R. Carrickfergus,	3
1839	Boyd, J. H. Lucan	2
1839	Brown, W. Ballymena,	2
1810	Bruce, R. Wexford	3
1830	Burnside, W. Boyle	1
1809	Burrows, G. Moira, &c.	2
1805	Burrows, M., *Super.* Carrickfergus.	
1844	Butler, W. *Downpatrick,*	2
1824	Byrne, C., Dungannon,	1
1797	Campbell, A. *Super.* Dublin, South.	
1812	Campbell, J. *Super.* Belfast, South.	
1831	Campbell, W. G. Tullamoore	1
1845	Campbell, R. Brookborough	1
1810	Carey, John, Londonderry	1
1808	Carson, R., *Super.* Omagh.	
1841	Cather, R. G. Drogheda,	1
1829	Cather, W. Donaghadee,	2
1796	Clendinnen, J., *Super.* Bideford, England.	
1810	Cobain, E. Ballycastle,	2
1843	Collier, J. Castlebar	1
1832	Cowdy, S. Athlone	1
1814	Cornwall, W. Tuam	2
1804	Crook, W. Maryborough,	1
1793	Crozier, R. *Super.* Enniskillen.	
1834	Darby, W. A. Belfast, S.	1
1844	Deery, G. Omagh	1
1799	Deery, H. *Super.* Dublin, North.	
1840	Devers, R. A. Ballyclare,	1
1837	Donald, J. Carrickfergus,	1
1838	Donald, Jn. Maryborough,	2

1796 Douglas, W., *Super.* Lowtherstown.....
1808 Downing, S. Newtownbarry..... 1
1840 Duncan, J. Bandon.... 1
1843 Elliott, F. Kerry, &c.... 1
1821 Feely, J. Killaloe..... 3
1846 Ferguson, S. Kilkenny, 1
1790 Ferguson, W., *Super.* Dublin, South.
1808 Ffrench, P. *Super.* Dublin, North.
1810 Finley, W. *Super.* Strabane.
1833 Foster, John, Manorhamilton.. 3
1843 Foster, Thomas, Tipperary.... 1
1808 Foote, W. Castleblaney, 1
1832 Geddes, H. Lucan, &c. 3
1840 Gilbert, J. Erris 1
1834 Giles, H. J. Tandragee, 3
1823 Gillman, J. B. *Super.* Cork.
1846 Grant, C.L. Magherafelt, 1
1835 Grant, Geo. *Super.* Armagh.
1826 Greer, J. Dublin, N.... 3
1821 Guard, Wm. Cavan..... 3
1789 Hamilton, A. *Super.* Bandon.
1836 Hamilton, R., Strabane. 2
1810 Harman, J., *Sup.* Cork.
1828 Harper, E., Newtownlimavaddy 1
1826 Harrington, J., Armagh 1
1840 Hay, J., Dublin, South. 2
1809 Hazelton, E., *Super.*, Dungannon.
1845 Hazelton, J., Armagh... 1
1841 Henderson, A.M., General Missionary for the South.... 1
1826 Henry, J., Cloughjordan 3
1838 Hewitt, R., Wicklow... 3
1835 Hickey, T., Limerick 1
1842 Higgins, J., Carlow.. 2
1815 *Hill,* John, Tullamoore, 1
1822 Hobart, N., Rathmelton, &c..... 2
1831 Hoey, W. 1st. Magherafelt..... 3
1840 Hoey, W. 2nd, Castleblaney..... 1
1820 Holmes, J. Drogheda.. 3
1830 Hughes, J Clones..... 1
1835 Hughes, John, Wicklow 2
1840 Huston, A., *Super.* Strabane.
1829 Huston, R., General Missionary for the South..... 1
1845 Hutchison, J. Donaghadee..... 1
1806 Irvine, J. C., *Super.* Pettigo.
1815 Jebb, John, Pettigo.... 2
1827 Jessop, R. Newry..... 1
1809 Johnston, E., 1st., *Sup.* Dungannon.
1845 Johnston, E., 2nd, Strabane..... 1
1808 Johnston, Jas. Lurgan, 3
1846 Johnston, Joseph, Killesandra..... 1
1840 Jones, R. G., Dublin, North..... 2
1846 Keys, James, Cootehill, 1
1806 Keys, William, *Super.* Longford
1806 Kyle, S. *Super.* Pettigo.
1794 Lanktree, M. *Super.* Belfast South.
1844 Lebert, W., Wexford. 1
1825 Le Maitre, F. P., Roscrea..... 1
1834 Liddy, John, Galway.. 1
1827 Lindsay, R. H. Enniskillen.....,..... 2
1846 Long, M., Ballina..... 1
1845 Lough, W. Skibbereen, 1
1801 Lougheed, T., *Super.* Tullamoore.
1828 Lupton, W. Waterford 3
1808 Lynch, James, *Super.* Leeds, England.

:7 M'Afee, D. Belfast, N. 1
:5 M'Clintock, J., Manorhamilton..... 1
)7 M'Cormick, C., *Super.* Kilrush.
)2 M'Cutcheon, J., *Super.* Omagh.
44 M'Donald, T. M., Dublin, North..... 1
)8 M'Dowell, S., Kilrush., 1
)1 M'Elwaine, G., *Super.* Kingstown.
36 M'Garvey, W. Cootehill, 1
40 M'Kay, J. W., Cork, 2
45 M'Lorinan, T., Pettigo, 1
38 M'Millen, G., Dublin, South..... 1
41 M'Mullan, W., Enniskillen..... 1
12 Masaroon, R., Dublin, South..... 3
18 Mathews, J. F., Bandon, 3
46 Maxwell, R., Clones... 1
45 Meredith, S., Lisburn,. 1
28 Meredith, T. Lisburn.. 2
37 Meyer, R. J. Killesandra 2
35 Moore, H., Downpatrick 2
44 Morrow, F., Cavan.... 1
29 Mulloy, W., Tralee..... 1
90 Murdock, A., *Super.* Dungannon.
33 Murdock, J., Ballina... 1
24 Nash, J., Newry... 3
09 Nelson, J., Limerick... 1
01 Nesbitt, J., *Super.* Enniskillen.
10 Noble, A. *Super.* Dublin, North.
41 Oliver, T., Tandragee.. 2
1824 Patterson, J., Kinsale 2
1808 Pratt, J. C., *Super.*, Enniskillen.
1823 Price, H., Belfast, S... 1
1808 Price, R., *Super.*, Longford.
1810 Reilly, W., Cork..... 3
1815 Richey, W., Youghal .. 2
1789 Ridgeway, T., *Super.* Belfast, North.
1837 Robinson, D., Longford 1
1803 Rogers, J., *Super.*, Cloughjordan.
1802 Rutledge, J., *Super.*, Clones.
1826 Saul, J. Cove..... 1
1835 Scott, R. Dublin, S..... 2
1830 Starkey, W. Fermoy... 3
1814 Stephens, F. Omagh.... 1
1845 Stephens, Frederick, Londonderry..... 1
1800 Stewart, W. Belfast N. 1
1843 Storey, J. C. Coleraine, 1
1824 Sullivan, J. Ballinasloe, 1
1822 Tackaberry, F. Sligo... 1
1829 Tobias, J. Portadown... 2
1817 Tracy, R. T. Carlow.... 3
1845 Twiss, Alex. Dingle... 2
1835 Vance, G. Belfast, N... 2
1836 Wallace, R. Kingstown, 1
1838 Walker, J. Donegall. .. 2
1800 Waugh, D. *Super.* Tandragee.
1840 Waugh, J. S. Sligo..... 2
1808 Waugh, J. Aughnacloy, 2
1808 Waugh, T. Bandon..... 1
1837 Whitaker, T. K. Roscrea, 1
1832 Wilson, J. Donegall..... 2
1828 Williams, J. Skibbereen, 2

MINUTES

OF

SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN

The Methodist Ministers

IN THE CONNEXION ESTABLISHED BY

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MINUTES.

QUESTION I.

WHO are now admitted as Ministers into full connexion with the Conference?

ANSWER.

Frederick Elliott, John Charles Storey,
Thomas Foster, James Collier.

Q. II. What Preachers remain on trial?

A. (1.) Thomas M. Macdonald, William Butler,
William Lough, William Lebert,
Francis Morrow, George Deery;
Who have travelled THREE YEARS.

(2.) Thomas M'Lorinan, John Hazelton,
Frederick Stephens, Alexander Twiss,
Edward Johnston, the 2d, James M'Clintock,
Robert Campbell, James Hutcheson;
Who have travelled TWO YEARS.

Henry M. Beale, who also has travelled two years, retires for the present, for want of health.

(3.) Samuel Ferguson, James Bass,
James Keys, Mortlock Long,
Joseph Johnston, Chas. Lynn Grant;
Richard Maxwell,
Who have travelled ONE YEAR.

Q. III. What Preachers are now received on trial?

A. James Kernahan, Samuel Johnston.
George M'Gee,

Q. IV. What Ministers have died since the last Conference?

A. The four following:—

(1.) DAVID WAUGH, at Banbridge, in the Tandra-

geo Circuit. He was born near Armagh, in 1775, and became the subject of converting grace in the year 1797. Having, by his piety, zeal, and talents, given occasion to those who were over him in the Lord, to believe that God designed him to preach his gospel, he entered the Wesleyan Ministry in 1800, and continued to discharge the duties thereof with acceptance and usefulness until the Conference of 1839; when, having been seized with paralysis at the commencement of its sittings, he was compelled to become a Supernumerary. He did not, however, when he partially recovered, hesitate to employ his remaining strength for the glory of his Divine Master; but continued to hold prayer-meetings, meet classes, visit the sick, and preach frequently, until fairly worn out in his work. He was a man of great uprightness, and of deep and uniform piety; in his friendships, he was sincere and sympathetic; as a preacher, in labours constant and abundant; his sermons were short, plain, and practical; and, as a superintendent, he was at once gentle but firm, earnest and yet cautious. On Sunday, the 21st February last, he was again smitten with paralysis, and; on the following morning, he finished his course and entered into rest.

(2.) RICHARD PRICE, of Killashee, in the county of Longford, on the 1st of March, in the sixty-third year of his age. In the year 1808 he was called into the work of the ministry, and wherever he was appointed to preach, he was cordially received as an able minister of the New Testament. While he was favoured with health, he performed the duties of his high calling with fidelity and success; but sleeping, on one occasion, in a damp bed, so impaired his constitution, that, at the end of the ninth year of his itinerancy, he was under the painful necessity of becoming a Supernumerary. The remainder of his life he spent in his native place, striving, by every means in his power, to lead sinners to "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." He was a man of great simplicity and integrity, sound in judgment and faithful in spirit, diligent in labours and patient under suffering. The close of his life was greatly honoured of God. A few weeks before his death he had such

exalted views of the love of God in Christ Jesus, as caused him to exclaim, "I would oppose the love of Christ to all the infidelity in the world;" and when just about to expire, a dear friend having remarked to him that his departure was at hand, he gathered up all his remaining strength, and, lifting up his hands and eyes to heaven, devoutly thanked God, and died.

(3.) ANDREW HAMILTON, who was born in the city of Londonderry, in 1770. From childhood he attended on the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodists, and in early youth gave satisfactory evidence of a sound conversion by his holy life and conversation. Having had the advantage of a good education, and being of studious habits, he acquired a large store of valuable knowledge on various subjects; but the study in which he chiefly delighted was the book of God. His piety, talents, and usefulness were such as to commend him to the notice of Mr. Wesley, on the occasion of his last visit to Londonderry in 1789, the result of which was that he was sent soon after to a circuit, being then about nineteen years of age; and in every sphere of labour to which he was appointed from that time, he was well received and greatly beloved by the people. At a later period, he was, for eleven years, the editor of our Magazine; and discharged the duties of that, and other of the higher offices of the Connexion, with wisdom and integrity. In the year 1834, when no longer able to fulfil the active duties of the ministry, he became a Supernumerary, but continued with great faithfulness to preach, meet classes, and visit from house to house, until, within the last few years of his life, his voice became so weak that he could no longer preach; yet, to the last, in every practicable mode, he laboured to promote the honour of his Lord.

His sermons were plain, evangelical, and practical; often sanctioned by a large measure of the unction of the Holy Ghost, and as a necessary result, he had many seals to his ministry. His knowledge of our doctrines and discipline was comprehensive and accurate; and he was a wise superintendent, an affectionate and efficient colleague, ever studying to promote the improvement, respectability, and usefulness of his younger brethren. His conversational powers, which

were of a high order, were sanctified to the best purposes; and he united great sweetness of temper and Christian meekness with the utmost faithfulness in the administration of discipline and in reproving sin.

In the severe weather of last March he left Bandon, although unwell, to visit a dying sister in Dublin. The journey was too much for his feeble frame, and soon after his arrival in that city, he was confined to bed. He suffered much for some days, but possessed his soul in patience, and finished his course happy in God April the 4th, in the seventy-seventh year of his age, and the fifty-eighth of his ministry. The character of the man, and the manner of his death, admirably corresponded with the Scripture which saith, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

(4.) FOSSEY TACKABERRY. He was born at Tomagaddy, in the County of Wexford, October 22nd, 1796. From a child he knew the Holy Scriptures; and, while yet young, joined the Methodist Society. Early in the year 1815 he was deeply convinced of sin, and having, in bitterness of soul, anxiously sought, he soon obtained the knowledge of salvation through faith in the blood of Christ. He was recommended to the Conference for the work of the ministry by the Rev. Robert Banks, and appointed to a circuit in 1822. Mr. Tackaberry was an early riser, and a close and devout student: in the pulpit he was always earnest, often eloquent; and richly enjoying in his own soul the power of that religion which he urged upon his hearers, his ministry was fruitful in every place. Warm and firm, bland and obliging as a friend, he had only to be known to be loved with a strong and confiding affection. In discharging the duties of the pastorate, he did not confine his attentions to the Church of God, but, after the example of his Divine Master, sought out, that he might save, the lost. In visits of mercy to the sick, and poor, and perishing, he was constantly employed during the last three months of his life, and in one of them caught the fever, of which he died. He did not speak much during his illness, but while consciousness remained, he uttered fervent expressions of praise and prayer. He frequently repeated, with

peculiar emphasis, pausing at each clause, as if to realize its import, and impress it on those about him, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." At one time he exclaimed, "Thank God, my lamp is trimmed!" He died at Sligo, June 3rd, 1847, in the fifty-first year of his age, and the twenty-fifth of his ministry.

Q. 5. Are there any objections to any of our Ministers, or Preachers on trial?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How shall our Ministers, and Preachers on trial, be stationed for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz. :—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin South, Centenary Chapel, &c.*	William Stewart, William P. Appelbe, L L. D., Gibson M'Millen; Robinson Scott, Governor and Chaplain of the Wesleyan Connexional School; William Ferguson, Archibald Campbell, *Supernumeraries.*
2 *Dublin North, Abbey-st. Chapel, &c.*	William Reilly, Robert G. Jones, Thomas M. Macdonald; Henry Deery, Charles M'Cormick, *Supernumeraries.*
3 *Kingstown,*	Robert Wallace; George M'Elwain, Thomas Beamish, *Supernumeraries.* N.B.—Brother Wallace shall change once in the three weeks with the Preachers of the Dublin South Circuit.
4 *Drogheda,*	John Williams, Robt. G. Cather, A.M.; Patrick Ffrench, *Supernumerary.*
5 *Wicklow,*	John Hughes, James Kernahan. N.B.—Letters to be directed to Rathdrum.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6	*Waterford,*	John F. Mathews, Thomas Ballard.
7	*Carlow,*	John Holmes, Richard Maxwell; Robert Banks, *Superny.*
8	*Newtownbarry,*	Samuel Downing, Robert Hewitt.
9	*Wexford,*	Henry J. Giles, James Keys; James Rutledge, who resides in New Ross, James C. Pratt, who resides in Wexford, *Supernumeraries.*

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

10	*Cork,*	Robert Masaroon, Frederick P. Le Maitre; Joshua Harman, James B. Gillman, *Superns.*
11	*Cove,*	John Saul.
12	*Bandon,*	John Greer, John Duncan—Thomas Waugh.
13	*Skibbereen,*	James Patterson, William Lough.
14	*Tralee,*	William Mulloy.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

15	*Limerick,*	John Nelson, Thomas Hickey.
16	*Roscrea,*	Robert Bruce, Thomas K. Whitaker.
17	*Cloughjordan,*	John Donald; John Rogers, *Supernumerary.* N.B.—Letters for Brother Donald should be directed to Borrisokane.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

18	*Tullamoore,*	John Hill, William G. Campbell; Thos. Lougheed, *Super.*
19	*Athlone,*	Samuel Cowdy
20	*Maryborough,*	William Crook, Alex. Twiss.

21 *Longford,* Robert Bamford, Robert J. Meyer; William Keys, *Supernumerary.*

WILLIAM CROOK, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

22 *Sligo,* William Lupton, Jas S. Waugh.
23 *Castlebar,* John H. Atkins, John Higgins.
24 *Ballina,* James Murdock, Robert Campbell.
25 *Boyle,* William Burnside.

WILLIAM LUPTON, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

26 *Clones,* James Hughes, John Hazelton.
27 *Cootehill,* William M'Garvey, Thomas M'Lorinan.
28 *Killeshandra,* John Jebb, Edward Johnston, the 2d.
29 *Castleblayney & Monaghan,* William Hoey, the 2d, William Foote.
30 *Aughnacloy,* George Vance.

JAMES HUGHES, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

31 *Enniskillen,* Robert Huston, Wallace M'Mullen; Robert Crozier, John Nesbitt, *Supernumeraries.*
32 *Brookborough,* John Armstrong, John Gilbert.
33 *Manorhamilton,* Nathaniel Hobart, Samuel Johnston.
34 *Lowtherstown,* James Black, Robert Bell; Wm. Douglas, *Supernumerary.*
35 *Pettigo and Ballyshannon,* John Oliver, William Lebert; Samuel Kyle, John C. Irvine, *Supernumeraries.*

JOHN ARMSTRONG, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

36 *Londonderry,* John Carey, Frederick Stephens.

37	*Strabane,*	Robert Hamilton, George M'Gee; William Finlay, Andrew Huston, *Supernumeraries.*
38	*Omagh,*	Francis Stephens, George Deery; James M'Cutcheon, who resides in Newtownstewart, Arthur Noble, Robert Carson, *Supernumeraries.*

JOHN CAREY, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

39	*Belfast South; Donegall-square Chapel, &c.,*	Henry Price, William A. Darby; Matthew Lanktree, Jas. Johnston, John Campbell, *Superns.*
40	*Belfast North; Frederick-street Chapel, &c.,*	Daniel M'Afee, Anketell M. Henderson; Thomas Ridgeway, *Supernumerary.*
41	*Ballyclare,*	Robert A. Devers.
42	*Donaghadee,*	William Cather, John Harrington, James Collier.
43	*Carrickfergus,*	James Tobias, Edward Cobain; Michael Burrows, *Superny.*
44	*Coleraine,*	Joseph W. M'Kay, James Hutcheson.
45	*Magherafelt,*	John Foster, James M'Clintock.
46	*Lisburn,*	William Hoey, the 1st, James Bass; William Armstrong, Edward Johnston, the 1st, *Supernumeraries.*
47	*Downpatrick,*	Hugh Moore, John H. Boyd.

HENRY PRICE, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

48	*Newry,*	Richard T. Tracy, Robert Jessop.
49	*Dungannon,*	Claudius Byrne, Charles L. Grant; Archibald Murdock, Edward Hazelton, who resides in Moy, *Supernumeraries.*
50	*Armagh,*	Thomas Meredith, John Bagley.
51	*Lurgan,*	John Waugh, Robert Beauchamp.

52	*Moira and Dromore,*	George Burrows, who resides in Dromore, Benjamin Bayly.
53	*Tandragee,*	Robert H. Lindsay, David Robinson.
54	*Portadown,*	John Nash, William Butler.

CLAUDIUS BYRNE, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

IN THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Lucan & Trim,*	John Feely, Samuel Ferguson.

IN THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

2	*Kilkenny,*	Edward M. Banks, Mortlock Long.
3	*Tipperary,*	Thomas Foster.

IN THE CORK DISTRICT.

4	*Youghal,*	William Richey.
5	*Fermoy and Mallow,*	John Liddy.
6	*Kinsale,*	William Starkey.
7	*Berehaven Mines,*	Frederick Elliott.
8	*Dingle,*	John C. Storey.

IN THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

9	*Ballinasloe,*	James Sullivan.
10	*Killaloe,*	Henry Geddes.
11	*Kilrush,*	Samuel M'Dowell.
12	*Galway,*	James Henry.

IN THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

13	*Tuam,*	William Cornwall.

IN THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

14	*Belmullet and Erris,*	Joseph Johnston.

IN THE CLONES DISTRICT.

15	*Cavan,*	Jeremiah Wilson, Francis Morrow.

IN THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

16	*Donegall,*	William Guard, John Walker.

IN THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

17 *Rathmelton, Letterkenny, and Stranorlar,* } James Donald.
18 *Newtownlimavady,* Edward Harpur.

IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

19 *Ballymena,* Robert Black.
20 *Ballycastle,* William Brown.

Q. 7. What is the number of members in our Societies?

A. Twenty-four Thousand, Six Hundred, and Thirty-seven.

The emigrations from our Society during the past year have amounted to One Thousand, Five Hundred, and Twenty-one.

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds, Fourteen Shillings, and Four Pence; and Twenty-six Pounds, Four Shillings, and Seven Pence.

N.B. Any reduction in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year, shall be considered a deficiency in the circuit where it may occur.

Q. 9. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting the Yearly Collection?

A. It is matter of serious regret that, in consequence of the sad calamity which has wasted the resources of our country—the unexampled depression of trade—the removal and dispersion by death and emigration of so many of our liberal friends, the Yearly Collection has, like several of our other funds, fallen short of the previously estimated amount; and to prevent the recurrence of a similar event, the Conference earnestly recommends the adoption of all prudent and practicable means, by our ministers and friends, for the purpose of sustaining and promoting that important fund, on the success of which so much depends, in upholding and carrying forward the sacred work in which we are all so deeply interested and engaged.

Q. 10. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, and Two Pence.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the Collection towards the Education of the Preachers' Children?

A. Three Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds, Ten Shillings, and Five Pence.

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Chapel Fund Collection?

A. Four Hundred and Four Pounds, One Shilling, and Five Pence.

When the Chapel Fund was first instituted, it was hoped that the Public Collections, together with the Subscriptions in the Classes, would amount to a sum equal, on the average, to one Penny per Month, for every member in Society; but from a comparison of the number of members with the annual amount of income, it obviously appears that it has fallen far short of this reasonable expectation; for whilst a few of the Circuits, by a gradual improvement, have met, or nearly met, their full proportion, most of them have done comparatively little, notwithstanding their exemption from applications for the Building or relief of Chapels, beyond the limits of their own Circuits. It is therefore recommended, that in future no Circuit shall be exempted from such applications, unless it raise annually, at least, one half the sum required by the original Rule of the Institution. Even such an increase would greatly augment the good designed to be effected by means of the Chapel Fund.

☞ To this notification the Conference earnestly requests particular attention.

Q. 13. What is the amount of the Missionary Collection?

A. Five Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-four Pounds, Two Shillings, and Five Pence, including above Six Hundred Pounds of Christmas Offerings.

Q. 14. How many Wives and Children are to be

provided for this year; and what is the amount expected from the Circuits to assist the increased allowance to the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows?

A. Seventy-three wives, one hundred and fifty-four children for maintenance, and sixty-seven children for education; and three hundred and sixty-three pounds, six shillings, for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows.

Q. 15. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the several Districts, aided by grants from the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz.:—

DISTRICTS.	Numbers in Society.	Amount for Support of Wives, Maintenance, and Education of Children, &c.			Grants from Contingent Fund.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1 Dublin.....	2177	267	11	10	143	10	0
2 Waterford ..	1118	137	8	5	136	10	0
3 Cork	1491	183	5	5	93	10	0
4 Limerick....	711	87	7	11	61	10	0
5 Tullamoore.	846	103	19	9	111	10	0
6 Sligo	925	113	14	0	93	10	0
7 Clones	1759	216	4	3	219	10	0
8 Enniskillen.	3738	459	9	3	353	10	0
9 Londonderry	1510	185	12	1	163	10	0
10 Belfast.....	3812	468	11	2	306	0	0
11 Newry	3711	456	3	4	317	10	0
	*21798	£2679	7	5	£2000	0	0

The Sum of Two Thousand Pounds is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1848, which has been divided among the

* The above is the number of members in the regular Circuits, exclusive of those on the Missionary Stations. By an arrangement made during Conference the following are the numbers in Society in the undernamed Circuits:—Maryborough, 287; Tullamoore, 228; Manorhamilton, 827; Pettigo and Ballyshannon, 513; Newry, 295; Tandragee, 569.

Districts according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting the demands upon them, which arrangement shall be final for the year.

The sum of £47 6s 4d will be expected from 2,839 members on the Mission Stations, being their proportion towards the new arrangements for Superannuated Preachers and the Widows.

N.B.—If any circuit return a deficiency of its proportion of the above applotment, the amount of such deficiency shall be deducted from the portion of the Contingent Fund, which shall, the following year, be allotted to the District in in which such Circuit is situate.

Q. 16. Who are the Building Committee, without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no Chapel or Preacher's dwelling whether large or small, is to be erected, purchased, or altered during the year?

A. William Stewart, William Ferguson, *Secretary*, Gibson M'Millen, *Assistant Secretary*, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, with Messrs. D. Foulkes, Arthur Jones, and Isaac Farrell.

Letters to be directed to the Rev. William Ferguson, 35, Camden-street, Dublin.

N.B.—Although the Conference is desirous of encouraging every prudent effort to provide suitable Chapel accommodation and dwellings for the families of the Preachers, nevertheless, in order to prevent a recurrence of the embarrassments arising from Building speculations, every Superintendent is solemnly charged to see that the directions contained in the preceding Minute be strictly attended to; and if he suffer an expenditure on his Circuit of more than £20 on any single building, for any of the above purposes, or any additional outlay beyond the original contract, without the explicit sanction of the Building Committee previously obtained in writing; for such neglect of official duty, he shall forfeit at least two years of the time he has travelled in the connexion, and be deemed incompetent for the office of Superintendent.

Q. 17. Who are the Committee appointed as Trustees for Testamentary or other Deeds relating to Donations for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion?

A. William Ferguson, William Stewart, Thomas

Waugh, John F. Mathews, William Crook, Robert Bruce, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, and Henry Price, the receipt of any one or more of whom shall be sufficient for any Bequest.

Q. 18. Who are the Committee appointed to review the concerns of our Missions previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. William Stewart, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John Carey, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, John Greer, and Daniel M'Afee; together with the following thirteen gentlemen—Abraham Briscoe, Digby F. Foulkes, and Graves Holbrook, of Dublin; William Morgan, of Cork; Henry Belsher, of Bandon; John Busteed, of Tralee; William Kelly, of Maryborough; Joseph Higgins, of Clonmel; Joseph Leech, of Roscrea; Henry Banks, of Carlow; William M'Arthur, of Londonderry; William Barlow, of Belfast; and Thomas A. Shillington, of Portadown.

N.B.—The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer, the first week in December, March, and June; also the yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 19. Who shall compose the District Missionary Deputations for the ensuing year?

A. *Dublin* .....William P. Appelbe, LL.D., Robt. Wallace.
Waterford...John F. Mathews, John Holmes.
Cork.....Robert Masaroon, John Greer.
Limerick.....John Nelson, John Donald.
Tullamoore..William G. Campbell, Thomas Hickey.
Sligo.....Robert Huston, James Murdock.
Clones.....George Vance, John Oliver.
Enniskillen..William Lupton, George M'Gee.
*Londonderry*John Armstrong, F. Stephens.
Belfast.....Daniel M'Afee, Benjamin Bayly.

Newry.....Henry Price, James Tobias.

Q. 20. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John Carey, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, James Sullivan; William Crook, and Abraham Briscoe, Esq., of Dublin, Treasurers; John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee; William Ferguson, Secretary to the Building Committee; together with eleven brethren, not being Ministers, one from each District.

Q. 21. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our Connexional Funds?

A. 1. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, Henry Price, Secretary, and John Saul, Assistant Secretary, of the Contingent Fund.

2. William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masaroon, Secretary, and William Cather, Assistant Secretary, of the Worn-out Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Auxiliary Fund, and Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society, commonly called the Legalized Fund.

3. William Crook, and Abraham Briscoe, of Dublin, Esq., Treasurers; and John Nelson, Secretary of the Chapel Fund.

4. Walter Oke Croggon, 28, Lower Gloucester-street, Dublin, General Treasurer of the Missionary Fund.

Q. 22. Who are the Committee appointed to review the concerns of the Wesleyan Connexional School in Dublin, at the ensuing Conference?

A. William Crook, John Nelson, Robert Bruce, William Reilly, John Carey, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, Robert Jessop, Robert H. Lindsay, Thomas Meredith, William Lupton, James Tobias, and William Cather, together with the following gentlemen—Henry Webster, George Bagnall, Charles Sharpe, John Parker, Alexander Hall, John Barrett, Digby F. Foulkes, John B. Doyle, and Theodore Cronhelm, of Dublin; Joseph Higgins, of Clonmel; James H. Swanton, of Skibbereen; George Studdart, of Roscrea; William M'Arthur, of Londonderry; Ar-

chibald M'Elwain, of Coleraine; Henry Shillington, of Aghagollan (Lisburn); and Thomas A. Shillington, of Portadown.

The Trustees, both Ministers and lay gentlemen, are ex-officio members of the Committee.

Q. 23. What are the Resolutions of the Conference with reference to the generous supplies sent to Ireland during the past year, by the London Central Relief Committee, for the laudable purpose of arresting the mournful progress of famine, disease, and death, in our afflicted land?

A. 1st. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be recorded, and hereby presented to the kind friends in England, for their munificent contributions to the Relief Fund; and to the Committee for their considerate liberality in placing so large an amount at the disposal of our Ministers, and the brethren who acted with them in the distribution thereof in their respective localities; whereby thousands of our destitute population have, under the divine blessing, experienced efficient relief.

2nd. And that the grateful acknowledgments of the Conference are due, and are hereby also presented to the excellent Secretaries of the Relief Committee, and to their Treasurer, the Rev. E. Hoole, for the prompt transmission of the thoughtful and compassionate relief designed for our sorrowful and suffering poor.

Q. 24. What shall be done to prevent unauthorized persons, being, or claiming to be, connected with the Methodist Societies, from preaching in our Congregations?

A. The Conference directs the republication of the following extract from the Minutes of the year 1807:—"No stranger, either from America or elsewhere, shall be suffered to preach in any of our places of worship, unless he come fully accredited; if an itinerant Preacher, by having his name entered on the Minutes of the Conference of which he is a member; and if a Local Preacher, by a recommendatory note from his Superintendent."

Q 25. What measures can we adopt for the in-

crease of spiritual religion among our societies and congregations, and the extension of vital godliness throughout the land?

A. The Conference directs, that the extract found in our printed Minutes for 1821, chiefly copied from the British Minutes of the preceding year, and subsequently published in the Rules and Regulations for conducting our District Meetings, shall be read by the Chairman at the August District Meeting; and its several particulars then made the subject of solemn thought and devout conversation among the brethren, that the whole, so far as practicable, may be brought into actual operation.

N.B.—A copy of the Rules and Regulations referred to above, shall be supplied to every Chairman in due time.

Q. 26. What shall be done to ensure a more correct and regular return of the number of members in Society, and of the state of the several Circuits?

A. 1st. The printed Schedules shall be filled up in every class at the time of the renewal of tickets, afterwards carefully examined at the Circuit Quarterly Meetings, and then transmitted by the Superintendents to the Chairmen of their respective Districts.

2nd. Each Superintendent shall produce for consideration, a complete plan of the preaching places on his Circuit, and their distances from each other, at the May District Meeting, that the whole may be brought under special review, at the meeting of the Committee of Chairmen, preparatory to the Conference.

Q. 27. What are the regulations of Conference respecting the members of Society removing from one Circuit to another?

A. 1st. When any of the members of our Society shall remove from one Circuit to another, a certificate in each case shall be furnished to the person removing, sealed and directed to the Superintendent of the Circuit to which the party is about to remove. At the same time, a note shall be sent to the Superintendent by post, informing him of the person so removing.

2nd. Each Superintendent shall be required to keep a list of the names of the persons leaving his Circuit,

with an account of the places to which they remove, together with the date of each letter sent to the Superintendent; the list to be produced at the May District Meeting, and brought by the Chairman to the Conference.

Q. 28. How may the experience, counsel, and supervision of our Chairmen of Districts be rendered more available in cases of emergency?

A. The Conference unanimously adopts the Minute of the British Conference of 1844 on this subject, viz.: —Each Chairman is authorized to visit officially any Circuit in his District to which he shall be invited by the Superintendent; or respecting which, after consultation with the Superintendent, he shall be satisfied that his intervention may be serviceable to the preservation of peace and order, or to the faithful and judicious execution of our discipline, or administration of our economy.

Q. 29. What are the regulations of the Conference respecting young men on trial, as Candidates for admission into full connexion with our body?

A. 1st. The Chairman of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, all proposed as candidates for our ministry, but also to return minutely in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings, after such examination, of their health, piety, moral character, ministerial abilities, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our discipline, and freedom from debt, as well as from all other secular encumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any candidate, shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may be forthwith copied, if the Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into the book provided for that purpose.

2nd. The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a Sermon every year, at their respective District Meetings, during the period of their probation; and the judgment of the District Meetings respecting those sermons, shall be recorded in their Minutes.

3rd. The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every May District Meeting, examine every Preacher on trial respecting the course of theological reading which he has pursued throughout the preceding year. For this purpose, every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District, a list of the books which he has read during the year. These lists shall be laid before the Meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving the junior Preachers such advices and directions, respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

4th. Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, *in addition to the other examinations* required by our existing Rules; and no Preacher shall be recommended unless the result of his examination be satisfactory to the meeting.

N.B.—The closest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every Candidate for the Ministry amongst us; as no one can be received as a Preacher into our connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the Book of God. The attention of the Chairman is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of the District Meetings.

Q. 30. Who are appointed to be our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and Wm. Lupton.

Q. 31. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the third Wednesday in August.

Q. 32. When shall the District Meetings, preparatory to the ensuing Conference, be held?

A. In the first, or at the latest, in the second week in May.

Q. When shall the Committees meet preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. As follows:—

1. The Committee of Chairmen of Districts, on Tuesday, the 20th of June, 1848, at Nine o'clock, A.M.
2. The Chapel Fund Committee, on Tuesday, the 20th of June, 1848, at Two o'clock, P.M.
3. The Stationing Committee, on Wednesday, the 21st of June, 1848, at Nine o'clock, A.M.
4. The Missionary Committee, on Thursday, the 22nd of June, 1848, at Nine o'clock, A.M.
5. The Committee of Review of the Wesleyan Connexional School in Dublin, on Thursday, the 22nd of June, 1848, at Two o'clock, P.M.

N.B. Brother John F. Mathews, our Assistant Secretary, is required to attend these Committees for the purpose of preparing the necessary documents for Conference.

Q. 34. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Dublin, commencing on Friday, the 23d of June, 1848, at Six o'clock, A.M.

N.B.—It is directed that special attention be given to the rule, that no Circuit be left without a Preacher, during the sitting of Conference; and those Preachers who remain on the Circuits shall not remove, until officially notified of the confirmation of the stations for the ensuing year. The Chairmen of Districts shall be responsible for the observance of this rule.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM ATHERTON, PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM STEWART, SECRETARY.

BELFAST, JUNE 30, 1847.

GENERAL RECAPITULATION

Of the NUMBER of MEMBERS and MINISTERS in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1846.

	Nos.
Number of Members in Great Britain, ...	341,468
Ditto in Ireland, ...	27,546
Ditto in the Foreign Stations, ...	100,050
Total, ...	469,064

The Number of Regular Ministers, of Preachers on trial, and of those who are Supernumerary or Superannuated, is as follows: —

In Great Britain,			
Ministers, ...	875		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated,	171		
Preachers on trial, ...	125		
			1,171
In Ireland,			
Ministers, ...	80		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated,	35		
Preachers on trial, ...	22		
Missionaries, viz.—			
Ministers, ...	19		
Supernumerary, ...	1		
Preachers on trial, ...	5		
		25	162
In our Foreign Stations,			
Ministers, ...	307		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated,	8		
Preachers on trial, ...	96		
			411
Total, ...			1,744

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1847.

CIRCUITS.	No. in Society.	Yearly Collectn. Fund.	Education Fund.	Auxiliary Fund.	Chapel Fund.	Missionary Fund.
1 Dublin, South, ..	689	67 8 6	28 10 0	27 17 6	26 15 1	250 0 0
2 ——— North, ..	840	85 1 6	33 0 0	42 5 6	32 6 2	349 0 0
3 Kingstown, ...	50	5 10 0	6 0 0	2 0 0	5 0 0	31 5 1
4 Drogheda, ...	250	15 0 0	9 13 0	3 0 0	9 0 0	74 1 4
5 Wicklow, ...	348	10 10 0	6 3 6	2 5 0	9 5 6	144 12 8
6 Waterford, ...	230	20 5 0	8 5 0	6 0 0	10 0 0	106 1 4
7 Carlow, ...	288	12 10 0	5 0 0	2 0 0	6 10 0	71 15 8
8 Newtownbarry, ..	370	12 12 6	6 5 0	2 0 0	7 17 0	87 5 6
9 Wexford, ...	230	12 10 0	8 0 0	1 11 6	7 12 6	60 19 6
10 Cork, ...	467	44 4 0	10 0 0	11 15 0	13 13 0	123 5 4
11 Cove, ...	82	10 4 6	2 2 8	2 6 0	2 12 0	44 4 2
12 Bandon, ...	532	54 5 6	15 3 7	14 1 1	22 7 0	168 7 8
13 Skibbereen, ...	312	16 5 0	3 2 6	3 10 0	5 0 0	70 12 7
14 Tralee, ...	98	8 6 3	2 4 10	1 11 6	4 0 0	26 19 6
15 Limerick, ...	350	30 0 0	6 10 0	9 10 6	13 10 0	85 14 6
16 Roscrea, ...	163	11 18 0	8 1 0	7 18 6	8 9 1	130 9 3
17 Cloughjordan, ..	198	5 0 0	2 6 0	1 11 6	2 10 0	45 10 8
18 Tullamoore, ..	215	8 8 0	2 16 10	1 11 6	5 0 0	57 18 4
19 Athlone, ...	121	4 1 6	1 14 6	1 12 0	1 18 10	33 2 6
20 Maryborough ..	300	13 0 0	4 3 6	2 11 0	6 0 0	100 0 6
21 Longford, ...	210	6 10 6	3 2 6	1 11 6	5 2 6	54 0 6
22 Sligo, ...	500	14 12 6	5 0 0	4 0 0	12 7 6	77 18 3
23 Castlebar, ...	68	5 6 0	3 14 0	1 11 6	3 10 6	39 2 11
24 Ballina, ...	191	5 10 6	3 10 0	1 11 6	3 10 0	25 1 1
25 Boyle, ...	166	2 17 3	1 4 9	2 0 0	1 8 7	23 7 11
26 Clones, ...	357	2 12 0	1 2 0	1 15 0	1 9 8	55 2 7
27 Cootehill, ...	316	4 8 7	3 3 3	1 11 6	3 8 1	48 1 10
28 Killeshandra, ..	384	2 17 0	2 0 0	1 12 0	2 2 4	31 19 1
29 Castleblayney, &c.,	420	4 13 6	2 12 6	1 12 6	3 3 0	41 9 8
30 Aughnacloy, ..	282	3 0 0	1 10 0	1 11 6	1 10 0	18 1 9
31 Enniskillen, ..	765	8 4 0	3 0 0	1 11 6	5 10 0	74 3 4
32 Brookborough, ..	630	6 0 0	2 12 3	1 11 6	4 0 0	65 16 4
33 Manorhamilton, ..	838	3 16 2	2 1 0	1 11 6	3 6 4	49 7 2
34 Lowtherstown, ..	1033	7 0 0	2 2 6	1 11 6	3 0 0	60 5 1
35 Pettigo, &c., ..	502	4 4 4	1 5 0	1 11 6	1 13 3	21 18 8
36 Londonderry, ..	275	14 0 0	4 8 7	4 0 7	10 19 6	90 0 0
37 Strabane, ...	600	6 13 2	3 0 0	1 11 6	3 0 0	45 8 0
38 Omagh, ...	635	6 16 10	2 7 10	1 11 6	2 6 0	44 13 2
39 Belfast, South, ..	530	35 1 0	13 0 7	11 13 0	13 13 8	285 19 2
40 ——— North, ..	700	27 5 0	20 0 0	8 9 6	12 6 0	186 0 0
41 Ballyclare, ...	265	4 10 0	3 2 7	1 11 6	3 1 7	27 11 6
42 Donaghadee, ..	540	8 10 0	5 13 4	1 11 6	5 7 3	81 9 8
43 Carrickfergus, ..	265	6 14 0	8 12 8	1 12 0	6 12 3	43 0 0
44 Coleraine, ...	289	7 0 1	5 13 0	2 0 0	6 10 0	92 12 0
45 Magherafelt, ..	460	5 0 6	1 10 0	1 11 6	3 6 0	28 5 6
46 Lisburn, ...	459	9 0 0	7 0 0	2 1 0	5 6 2	83 6 8
47 Downpatrick, ..	320	1 16 2	3 10 0	1 11 6	2 2 4	43 16 0
48 Newry, ...	314	6 0 0	4 16 6	3 12 0	5 16 6	63 7 0
49 Dungannon, ...	435	6 10 0	3 16 1	2 0 0	3 16 0	81 14 0
50 Armagh, ...	530	8 0 0	3 9 0	1 16 0	3 0 0	74 17 11
51 Lurgan, ...	576	7 6 6	4 0 6	3 0 0	4 1 0	60 0 0
52 Moira & Dromore,	560	9 0 0	6 3 5	1 12 6	4 12 0	43 10 0
53 Tandragee, ...	550	9 0 0	8 0 0	1 11 6	5 15 0	70 0 0
54 Portadown, ...	748	10 10 0	10 19 2	8 0 0	12 0 0	164 14 4
MISSIONARY STATIONS.						
1 Lucan and Trim, ..	206	2 6 0	2 4 0	1 11 6	1 10 0	80 0 0
2 Kilkenny, ...	265	6 2 10	2 10 2	1 11 6	5 8 0	92 16 6
3 Tipperary, ...	34	0 11 0	0 7 9	0 8 6	0 12 0	7 10 6
4 Youghal, ...	143	4 2 6	2 10 3	2 10 6	5 10 0	69 11 0
5 Fermoy & Mallow,	121	5 0 0	2 16 0	2 0 0	3 16 0	83 0 9
6 Kinsale, &c., ..	112	3 3 0	0 14 3	1 11 6	1 0 6	21 0 0
7 Kerry, &c., ...	62	1 7 0	1 4 0	0 17 3	1 7 6	32 11 0
8 Dingle, ...	29	0 11 0	0 2 6	0 1 9	0 10 0	6 1 0
9 Ballinasloe, ...	78	1 12 0	0 12 0	1 11 6	1 7 2	29 16 10
10 Killaloe, ...	125	2 2 0	2 0 0	1 11 6	1 15 0	46 13 1
11 Kilrush, ...	58	3 0 0	1 13 0	1 1 6	2 0 0	47 0 0
12 Galway, ...	66	1 11 6	1 3 0	1 11 6	1 12 6	27 18 10
13 Tuam, ...	40	1 7 0	1 4 0	1 5 0	1 5 0	23 3 10
14 Barony of Erris, ..	66	0 18 0	0 6 0	0 4 1	0 4 1	17 0 0
15 Cavan, ...	220	3 2 6	1 6 6	1 13 0	1 8 6	75 15 5
16 Donegal	650	6 0 6	2 2 0	1 11 6	2 13 0	86 6 2
17 Rathmelton, &c., ..	151	1 8 6	1 1 6	1 11 6	1 0 0	39 18 2
18 Newtownlimavady,	95	1 5 6	1 1 6	1 11 6	1 1 0	34 0 9
19 Ballymena, &c., ..	257	1 14 6	0 17 1	1 11 6	1 12 0	40 9 8
20 Ballycastle, ...	81	0 14 6	0 9 7	0 10 6	0 10 0	35 18 8

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Dr. TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND. **Cr.**

To Balance from last year, ...	129	13	6	By Grants to the Districts, according to arrangement of last year ...	1,863	0	0
— Grant from British Contingent Fund, ...	650	0	0	— Miscellanies, ...	157	1	7
— Do. from Book Room, ...	500	0	0	— Grants for Furniture, and ministerial aid, &c., to various Circuits, ...	47	0	0
— Amount of Yearly Collection, £768 14s. 4d. and £26 4s. 7d.	794	18	11	— Balance, ...	69	1	11
Bequest of the late Miss Gibbings of Mallow, per Rev. W. Starkey, ...	46	3	1				
— Interest on the late Mrs. Sheil's Legacy, ...	3	13	6				
— Donation from Mr. Little of Kilkenny, per Rev. Robert Huston, ...	5	0	0				
— Do. A Thank-offering, from the Rev. W. G. Campbell, ...	1	0	0				
	£2,130	9	6		£2,130	9	6

N.B.—1. The Sum of £10 11s. 8d., the Interest on the Legacy of the late Mrs. Deaves, has been transmitted to the Treasurers of the Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society Fund.

2. The Sum of £6 has been paid towards the Expenses of the General Irish Missionaries, from Friends on *Cork Circuit, by the Rev.* William Reilly.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF

THE IRISH CONFERENCE

TO

THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

To us, assembled in our Annual Conference, your truly fraternal Address was most gratifying and cheering. The excellent sentiments it contains were heard with deep attention, and received our most cordial approbation; the spirit of unfeigned love which it breathes, rejoiced and encouraged us all; and gladly do we avail ourselves of the privilege of giving expression to the feelings of esteem and attachment we most sincerely cherish towards you.

Former proofs of your generous sympathy, and the assurance that our exertions in the service of our common Lord are regarded by you with attention and interest, greatly animate us amidst the varied labours and depressing circumstances connected with the exercise of our ministry in our native land; and greatly do we rejoice, that each succeeding year binds us more closely together in the bonds of Christian brotherhood and ministerial affection.

The beautiful chapel in which we now, for the first time, hold our Annual Conference, reminds us of our obligations to the Appropriation Committee of the Centenary Fund, without whose liberality we could

not have indulged the hope of having so suitable a house of worship in which to assemble on this important occasion. Its situation, its structure, its adaptation to the purposes of our Society in this part of the city, and, above all, the respectable and increasing congregations which statedly worship in it, call forth lively emotions of gratitude.

We give thanks to Almighty God for the tokens of the divine favour and blessing with which you continue to be visited; for the encouraging increase of members which your Societies at home and on the Mission stations abroad present; and that the great Head of the Church raises up and qualifies a succession of faithful men to labour among you in "the word and doctrine;" and most earnestly do we pray, that the Lord the Spirit may vouchsafe to you still more copious outpourings of his holy influence, and that increasing prosperity may attend and crown all your efforts for the extension of the knowledge of Christianity throughout the world.

In these days of spurious liberality and dangerous heresy, when the glorious doctrines of the Reformation are obscured, and even denied by some who ought to maintain them in all their efficiency and purity, it fills our hearts with gratitude that, as a body of Christian Ministers, you are distinguished by contending "earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints," and for preaching, with the power of the Holy Ghost, those scriptural truths which have been transmitted to us as a sacred deposit, and which, in all ages of the Church, God has signally owned in the conversion of sinners.

We hail with delight the present movement among Christians of different denominations, who hold in common the essential truths of the Gospel, towards that unity of affection so strongly inculcated by the great Author of our holy religion, who said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another;" and who prayed, "that they all may be one as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." We have observed with pleasure the countenance and support given by dis-

tinguished men in your body to the promotion of this object, which we regard as being in unison with the catholic spirit of Christianity, and with the genius of Wesleyan Methodism; and we hope that the results will be most beneficial to the whole Christian Church.

We sympathize with you in the losses you sustain by the removal of your beloved brethren from the scene of their earthly labours. We, too, have to mourn similar bereavements. During the past year, four of our beloved brethren have entered into rest, two of whom had been laboriously engaged in the ministry of the Gospel for more than thirty years. The death of all those servants of Christ was peaceful and happy, affording convincing evidence of the truth of the doctrines they preached, and of the divinity of the religion they enjoyed. Such events are truly admonitory to us, as each succeeding year impressively reminds us that we have a year less to live, and a year more to give account of, and calls upon us with deep solemnity to "work while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." While some of our "companions in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ" have been removed from the Church below, and have joined the Church above; and others, by disease and debility, have been compelled to desist from their wonted labours, the great Lord of the harvest supplies their place, and sends "forth labourers into his harvest," who, we trust, will be "workers together with God," and be wise to win souls to Christ. Six young men, strongly recommended by their respective District-Meetings, were approved by the Conference; seven, including two from the Institution, were appointed to Circuits. Two young Ministers, who had completed their term of probation, were, after the usual examinations, in which they afforded entire satisfaction, admitted into full connexion with the Conference, and solemnly ordained to the sacred office, by the imposition of hands, in the presence of a numerous and deeply-attentive congregation.

While we rejoice in your continued prosperity, we deeply regret that we are again compelled to return a decrease in the number of members. An event so distressing has led to a very searching inquiry. Various

causes may be assigned for the want of that success which we so much desire: the prevailing superstition of the country, which crushes all religious inquiry, and prohibits the reading of the word of God; the political agitation of the times; jealousy and hostility in quarters where we might reasonably expect encouragement and support; our inability to supply a sufficient number of Ministers to meet the necessities of our country, and the peculiar circumstances of the people, have greatly limited the sphere of our operations, and materially obstructed our usefulness. The diminution of our number is principally accounted for by the multitudes who have emigrated during the year. Many of our countrymen are driven, by the distracted state of Ireland, and by the alarming aspect of public affairs, to seek for themselves and families quiet and permanent habitations in distant lands. The injurious effects of emigration upon our interests, as a religious body, are incalculable; as by it we not only lose every year hundreds of valued members from our Societies, but also the population, among whom we might have hoped to labour with success, is thereby greatly diminished, and the preaching of the Gospel, and the means of grace, as established among us, are altogether withdrawn from several localities. But, while we mourn that these our spiritual children are lost to us, our sorrow is mitigated by the consideration, that many of them are found in the land of their exile by your Missionaries; and that, through them, they enjoy the religious advantages which they possessed at home. We feel that thus our obligations are increased to recommend, with greater zeal, the cause of Wesleyan Missions.

We are impressed with the conviction that the times in which we live are most eventful and critical. It does not require much penetration to discover, that we are standing on the brink of very important changes; nor are we so blind as not to discern the "signs of the times." With pain we have observed the disposition manifested by those who preside in the councils of our nation to afford their countenance and patronage to that system of religious delusion which has long been the bane of this country; but, whatever may be the

aspect of public affairs, however dark and lowering the clouds which overhang the political horizon, it is our resolution, with purpose of heart to cleave to the Lord; to "preach the word; to be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine;" not "handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

Our Conference has been a season of uninterrupted harmony and much spiritual benefit, and of deep searchings of heart before God. We have felt the power of the Highest in all our sittings, and richly participated in the hallowed feeling which pervaded our public assemblies. Much of the peace and profit which we have enjoyed in the Conference, has been owing, under the divine blessing, to the spirit and ability with which our reverend President, the Rev. Jacob Stanley, conducted its proceedings: his public ministry, his judicious counsels, his truly Christian deportment, edified and delighted us all. We have been again favoured with the presence and ministry of our long-known and highly-valued friend, the Rev. Dr. Newton. Each succeeding year raises him higher in our esteem, and endears him more warmly to our affections. With joy we received the visit of the Rev. John Lomas. The deep interest he took in all our affairs will not be forgotten by us; and his lucid expositions of divine truth will long be remembered by all who were favoured with his ministrations of the word of life.

Your Missionary deputation, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Dixon, the Rev. Messrs. Davies, Stinson, Hardey, and Osborn, afforded efficient aid at the meetings which they attended.

It is truly gratifying to find that our people contribute to the cause of Missions with increased liberality. The deepening interest thus taken in this department of our work may be attributed, in a great measure, to the information communicated, and to the excellent addresses delivered, by the Ministers appointed by you to visit our country for the promotion of this important object. We highly appreciate the labours of the accu-

rate and persevering Superintendent of the Missions and Mission Schools in this country, the Rev. W. O. Croggon. His attention to every department of this work has been satisfactory to us, and truly beneficial to its interests. We unanimously beg to be favoured with a continuance of his valuable services.

We send, as our Representatives to your Conference, our beloved brethren, the Rev. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and Daniel M'Afee.

And now, very dear Fathers and Brethren, we separate from this Conference, deeply convinced that, though "Paul may plant, and Apollos water, it is God who gives the increase;" and we are more than ever resolved to seek for a richer baptism of the Holy Spirit, that the Gospel which we preach may come, "not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance;" and that, "in all things approving ourselves as the Ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report;" we may make full proof of our ministry, and "rejoice in the day of Christ, that we have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 2, 1846.

THE ANSWER

OF

THE BRITISH CONFERENCE

TO

THE ADDRESS

OF

THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

IT is always to us a source of Christian joy to strengthen the fraternal union established betwixt the English and Irish Conference, and people. Constituted as we are on one common profession of faith, similarity of ecclesiastical order, ministerial function and object, and desire to promote the glory of Christ in the salvation of souls, we rejoice that nothing has hitherto been permitted to destroy that identity of interest and sympathy which from the beginning has existed in the two bodies, which, indeed, are not two, but "one in the Lord." It is to us a great gratification to see amongst us again our beloved ministerial brethren, and the "messengers of your churches," the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart and Thomas Waugh, whom on many previous occasions, we have hailed with great pleasure and delight, as long-tried and faithful men; and with no less feeling of gratification have we this year received the Rev. Daniel M'Afee as their coadjutor in counsel, ministerial labour, and zealous devotedness to the objects of their united delegation.

Be assured, beloved Brethren, that so long as we mutually preserve the spirit of our calling, the English Conference must sympathize in your peculiar afflictions. Your spiritual state and prospects—the privations you are called to endure, whether as Ministers or people—the discouragements you meet with in your work, by the paucity of your means, the loss of your children, the superstitions around you, or the disorders and confusion of your country, are all deeply interesting to us, and cannot fail to call forth our ardent prayers for your improvement and growth. We trust that we have been taught in the best of all schools, that we ought to "bear one another's burdens," "to weep with those that weep," as well as to "rejoice with those that rejoice;" and also, "that if one member suffer, all the members are called to suffer with it:" in fine, we cannot consider that our corporate state, in any sense, frees us from those obligations of brotherly love and charity which are so impressively enjoined by Christ and his Apostles, and which, in fact, constitute a large and important portion of practical religion. Whilst we recognise these sentiments as generally binding, we cannot but feel that the state of our Irish brethren suggests peculiar claims for their exercise. If, as a body of Christian Ministers, it might please our divine Head to grant us a more than ordinary degree of elevated wisdom, of strong and laborious faith, of ardent and devoted zeal, of divine and tender love, of abundant influence and means, we confess that the claims of your country would have no second place upon the generous and spontaneous outpouring of the whole of this grace. We ingenuously declare that, in all this, our duties can only be bounded by our means; and in reply to your expressions of gratitude (which we doubt not are perfectly sincere), for benefits you suppose you have received at the hands of your English brethren, we on our part acknowledge, with equal sincerity, our regret that they have not been tenfold greater.

We consider that the circumstances of your country, so affectingly referred to in your Address to us, clearly evince, even from these events themselves, the necessity of redoubled exertions to meet a case so afflictive to the

Christian mind, so appalling to humanity, and so destructive to the souls of men. From the beginning, we have acknowledged the principle, that the objects contemplated by the Gospel cannot be realized by other than spiritual means. What, then, can possibly reach the evils of your country, but the universal diffusion of the evangelical system? If the proscriptions of Popery have removed the word of God from the private use, the pious perusal, and the firesides of the people of Ireland—and thus, at one and the same time, struck a blow at the rights of conscience and the authority of the Scriptures—is not this a good reason for all who believe in their divinity and truth to endeavour to circulate them to the utmost possible extent? If a miserable superstition has thrown its shadows of night over the peculiar truths of the Gospel, and by these means hidden the cross of the Saviour and the saving efficacy of his atonement from the faith of men, does not this constitute a loud and imperative call to all the Ministers and faithful people of Christ, to testify to its single and undivided glories, as the foundation of the justification and final salvation of man? If, again, a series of false and misleading doctrines on questions affecting the piety of the heart, the rules of morality, the exercises of devotion, the soul's communion with God, and the preservation of our race for eternity, have been inculcated as to extinguish the glowing flame of vital piety, how can this case be met but by boldly confronting the falsehood by the truth, and making known universally the nature and obligations of personal religion? If the spiritual worship of God's name has been superseded by a system of gross idolatory, in which the Virgin has been enthroned in the place of the Divinity, a countless host of saints have been placed in the position of intercessors, and in which sacramental and other appliances and means have been resorted to, to put away sin, in the place of "the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost," by what process can this idolatry be overthrown but by the erection of God's own kingdom, and the maintenance of his spiritual worship? And, moreover, if, in the midst of this mass of corruption, ignorance and error hold their unbroken dominion;

humanity is sunk to the lowest scale of poverty, debasement, and misery; the social state is thrown into confusion, disorder, and alarm by frightful crimes; the sources of patriotic virtue are polluted, and the heart of the nation kept in a state of feverish excitement:—if, in fine, the antichristian system which has been so long at work has had the effect of blighting the soul, and subduing a noble people to servility—to a spiritual despotism; then, in this case, what means can produce a change, but the diligent inculcation of that truth, piety, and principle which are alone found in a vital and evangelical Christianity? In the expression of these sentiments on the subject of Popery, we do not wish to be misunderstood. In Christian faithfulness we feel ourselves called upon to bear testimony against a system actively alien to true Christianity; but we, at the same time, with you, feel an intense and ardent charity towards the persons of our Roman Catholic fellow-subjects, and desire to contribute all in our power to bring them under the influence of the saving power of true religion.

In common with yourselves, we cannot allow a spurious latitudinarianism to hide from our minds the fact, that where there is sin there is danger; and besides that, this peril is increased tenfold when any ecclesiastical system, instead of opening the "fountains of living waters" to a perishing people, puts a seal upon them; instead of throwing open the gates of salvation, by a thousand expedients bars them against those who would enter; and instead of holding forth the "word of life" as a "light to those who sit in darkness," obscures the truth, and renders it, in the midst of the "inventions of men," difficult to find. In the actual state of things in your island, we confess our conviction, with you, that whilst we testify against Popery this ought, on our part, to be associated with deep commiseration for the dangers of the people, ardent prayers for their salvation, and, as opportunities arise, zealous exertions for their amelioration. Pity without exertion must be powerless; and we cannot see any effective remedies for a state of things so deplorable, but the active charities of a living and vital Christianity.

Impressed with these sentiments, we feel, in common with yourselves, the great importance of endeavouring to strengthen and invigorate the entire machinery of Methodism in your country, and especially of increasing the number of faithful and zealous Ministers of the Gospel. We do not undervalue, in our own call, the importance and even necessity of those subordinate agencies and means which are employed amongst us to give vitality, expansion, and solidity to the work of God. The necessity of all these, as essential parts of our religious economy, we readily acknowledge, and are thankful, that in our own beloved country it has pleased God to employ them extensively in the development of our work. But, after all, we recognise, in the ministeral office and the faithful preaching of the Gospel of Christ, the peculiar, the divine, and permanently-established ordinances of God, for the conversion of sinners, and consolidation and enlargement of his Church. This, as it strikes us, is in truth the urgent and pressing want of your branch of our united Societies. Taking the whole area of your island, the amount of your population, and even the more than ordinary difficulties of your position; or, again, taking the platform of your actual operations, the extent of your Circuits, the number and scattered character of your Societies, as well as the oppressive labours of the Ministers of your body, as the data of calculation; we cannot but see that the great and pressing duty of all parties, interested in your spiritual well-being, is the multiplication of "faithful labourers in the Lord's vineyard."

We deeply feel that as the pastoral function possessed by our venerable Father has descended to this collective body, so all the obligations of his paternal love towards every portion of the Wesleyan family rest upon us; and especially, that his anxious and affectionate care for Ireland, in some sort, devolves upon us. Our experience, in every place, shows the Gospel which we preach to be the "power of God unto salvation;" and, although the peculiarities of your country place distressing impediments in the way, yet, with an increased number of faithful Evangelists, no doubt, a corresponding amount of success would

ultimately follow. To offer a gratuitous pardon, through the blood of Christ, to all the enslaved and deluded followers of the Papacy; to lead them to a knowledge of the only fountain of regeneration and holiness; to make known the nature of experimental religion, and the mode of its attainment; to form societies of believing and converted souls in every part of the island, and to watch over them in the Lord; to promote the scriptural education of children and young persons; in fine, to build up the waste places of Zion, and extend and establish the Lord's spiritual kingdom, we believe to be the true commission of the Methodist body in your country, as elsewhere. With preaching there must be prayer. This is power. All can engage in this. Our experience teaches us that it is not truth in the abstract, or the mere routine of labour, which promotes the work of God in the conversion of souls. The outpourings of the Holy Spirit; his energetic influence in connexion with the doctrines of the Gospel, and the ordinances of the house of God; his unction, power, and grace, on the "messengers of the cross," and on all the officers and members of the Church, we have always found to be necessary to the success of our work. Our best impressions, our true and holy conceptions, our tender and charitable feelings, our purposes of zeal and labour, our faith, whether in Christ or in our mission, are all intimately connected with prayer. But the divine blessing is bestowed in answer to prayer, and both our failures and successes teach us that the work of conversion is all of the Spirit and grace of God. When on any ground withheld, our labour has always been in vain; and when mercifully vouchsafed, no obstacles have been found insuperable. This, we are persuaded, must be the case in Ireland. What but religion in its living power can penetrate the gloom, the wretchedness, the moral death, pervading your country?

Dear Brethren, this is not the language of suspicion or dictation, "though we thus speak." No; when we reflect on the glorious labours of your apostolic ministry, prosecuted by men "whose praise is in all our churches," by Walsh, Graham, Ouseley, Tobias, and

others; some of whom have fallen asleep, while many remain to this day;—when we think, again, upon the number of true believers, children of God, regenerate souls, raised up by this ministry, who, for the past century, in reproaches, in persecutions, and, in many instances, in the loss of fame and goods, have nobly held on their way, and "by pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true, as unknown, and yet well known; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things;" have evinced the strength as well as sincerity of their attachment to the cause which they had embraced:—we cannot but conclude (and we rejoice in the conclusion) that our dear brethren in Ireland have given sufficient proof that God has been with them. Whilst we thankfully acknowledge the increased life and influence of other Protestant bodies, in your beloved country, in recent times, we cannot forget that for many years evangelical truth and labours for the conversion of men to God were chiefly, though not exclusively, confined to the Methodist body. In those dark days they firmly and nobly sustained the cause of Christ, in the midst of the general apathy and indifference. We mention these things, beloved Brethren, as expressive of our confidence in the reality of the spiritual work amongst you, of our gratitude to God, and also of our confidence as to the future. We are persuaded, that, though surrounded by adverse elements, Methodism in Ireland, as in other countries, rests on a good foundation. We do not refer merely to its traditional and historic importance: we refer rather to its repose on the truth, its being the work of God's own grace and Holy Spirit, its conservation of the true Gospel and of living piety, its triumphs in the midst of the sin and barbarism of the world, and the long line of holy men, saints of God, who have been raised up in Ireland, the witnesses of his power and love. Continuing on this foundation, keeping

these objects constantly in view, and trusting in the all-sufficient grace of God, we cannot doubt, but that Ireland will, in religion, become more and more a "praise in the earth."

Permit us, dear Brethren, to express our heartfelt sympathy with you in the loss of members by emigration and the other discouraging circumstances mentioned in your Address. Why do your people emigrate? It is unnatural for man to leave the home of his fathers, the land of his nativity, his kindred, and relations. It must cost these wanderers the most painful pangs to tear themselves away from all which they hold dear. Their humanity, their religious attachments, their relative affections, must all be outraged. It does not become us to review the causes of this evil, farther than to remark, that, in a country which is constantly expatriating her children, expelling them from their homes, and sending them as exiles in distant lands, there must be something radically and almost universally wrong. But though we cannot enter more fully into the causes of this state of things, we may venture to express our belief, that the true remedy is the preaching of the Cross, and the influence of religion. Let the Gospel purify society, raise the tone of public morals, tame the ferocious passions of the multitudes, give force and power to the principles of equity and justice, stimulate to industry, and create a true estimate of the value of the blessings of a high civilisation,—in truth, consecrate the fire-sides, the homes of Irishmen; and then, in peace, plenty, and piety, they will remain in the land they love, and bless it by their virtues. Till this is the case, we fear the evil you deplore will remain. It is hard, we confess, to be thus constantly breasting the stream, and working in the midst of these disheartening circumstances. But your labours are not lost. The hundreds of converted men you send forth every year into distant lands, either commingle with existing Christian churches, or found them in the wilderness. In all the aspects of your case, we see only one thing, as pre-eminently necessary, namely, the predominance of true religion. Great disorders, excitement, and agitation prevail in your country. The old system of things is breaking up, and

Ireland is apparently in a transition state; men's minds in both countries are perplexed and uncertain as to the issue. By some all is looked upon as portentous of evil. This to us is not so certain. When did it happen that great and beneficial changes took place in the midst of apathy and quiescence? That which is going on in your island, we are convinced may end in increased power and influence given to Popery; but this must depend on the attitude, the spirit, the faithfulness, the prayers, the labours, and the power exercised by the united Protestant Church.

We have appointed our esteemed President, the Rev. William Atherton, to preside at your next Annual Conference; and the Rev. Dr. Newton, our Secretary, with one of the Missionary Secretaries, to accompany him. The Missionary deputations are as follow:—For the North of Ireland, the Rev. Messrs. William Smith, 1st, and Frederick J. Jobson; for the South, the Rev. Messrs. William B. Stephenson, and Samuel Annear; and for the West, the Rev. Thomas Hodson: and cordially do we pray, that their visit may be crowned with the blessing of our Living Head.

Finally, Brethren, may "the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

ISAAC KEELING,
JOHN FARRAR,
WILLIAM BARTON,
} *Sub-Secretaries.*

Bristol, August 13th, 1846.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF

THE CONFERENCE

TO THE

METHODIST SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

"GRACE and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." It again becomes our pleasing duty, in our annual Assembly, "to write to you of the common salvation," and to assure you of our undiminished affection, our deep solicitude for your spiritual prosperity, and our ardent desire and prayers, "that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ."

Though our meeting on this occasion has been under circumstances of unprecedented gloom and sorrow, yet have we cause of devout gratitude to our gracious God, that so many of his servants have been brought together, in the name of our common Lord and Saviour, in safety and health, "under the shadow of the Almighty." The distress and pestilence which have desolated so many portions of our hapless island, have thinned the ranks of our beloved connexion. While many families of our dear people are suffering under recent bereavements, we are called to mourn over the sudden removal of one from amongst us, who, until lately, was in the full possession of his strength, and at the zenith of his usefulness. The honoured name of our beloved brother Tackaberry, alas! swells the roll of mortality; and the event forcibly reminds us of the admonition of our divine Master, "Be ye therefore

ready also: for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not." "Our fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?"

On Thursday, the 24th of June, we assembled in the splendid and commodious Chapel recently erected in Donegall-square, in the opening services of which, as well as in the devotional exercises with which our session commenced, we were blessed with gracious indications of the divine favour. Our Conference has been a season of great harmony and mutual affection.

We were privileged with the presence and counsel of our venerated President, the Rev. Wm. Atherton; whose mental resources were, on many questions of importance, developed, and whose acuteness and discernment were beneficially felt during our several deliberations. The Rev. Dr. Newton, as usual, took his place amongst us, and contributed not a little by his wisdom and counsel to our spiritual profit and consolation. The public ministrations of these honoured servants of God were signally acknowledged by the Great Head of the Church, among the thousands who heard the word of life from their lips.

We feel deeply affected by the consideration that our labour in the Lord among you, has not been followed by more enlarged manifestations of the saving power of the Most High. The inquiry relative to the numerical state of our connexion has been attended with deep and humbling searchings of heart. True it is, that the tide of emigration never was so powerful as this year: more than fifteen hundred of our spiritual children, have, in the course of the season, become expatriated, and have sought on distant shores the security and support for which they looked in vain in the land of their birth. Many thousands of those, also, among whom we had opening prospects of good, and to whom we ministered in the word and doctrine, have gone to another country, and thus deprived us of the opportunity of seeking from among those that hould be saved, an accession to our numbers. Many other causes have contributed to the declension which we deplore. The hand of death has sadly diminished our numbers; and many of those who fell under disease were amongst the most active, pious, and use-

ful members of our Society. The pressure of trade, the want of bread, and the reverses which in many instances were experienced, have all tended to affect our interests. The scenes of distress, disease, and death, described by some of the members of the Conference, were heart-rending; so that the wonder is that more extensive evil did not arise from those desolating causes. But though cast down, we are not destroyed; and though distressed, we are not in despair. Being persuaded that the glorious Gospel of the blessed God has not lost its efficacy, we look forward with hope. The same hallowing power, if we are faithful, will accompany its ministration, and cause it to prove effectual in the salvation of lost men. The hand that has now stricken can heal and bind up, and the time of this afflictive dispensation soon be overpast. "Return, O Lord, how long! and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil." Brethren, we live in eventful times. God seems to have a controversy with the nation; and however an infidel philosophy may interpret the present calamity, the hand of God is evidently in it. "Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?" exclaims an ancient prophet; and yet under our more glorious dispensation, the ways of God in Providence are scarcely discerned, and by some totally denied. Can we doubt that the sins, which in former ages incurred the Divine displeasure, and provoked the judgments of Almighty God, shall in our time be followed with like effects? His Sabbaths have been desecrated—His holy name profaned—His laws slighted—His sacred word, the volume of our faith, impugned—and the hand of the murderer imbrued in the blood of the innocent. "Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?" Appalling have been the results; millions of our unhappy countrymen have been famine-stricken, pestilence has followed hard behind, and thousands have fallen victims to want and disease. And still it may be repeated, "Neither say they in their heart, let us now fear the Lord that

giveth rain, both the former and the latter in his season; he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of harvest." "But beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things which accompany salvation, though we thus speak." Many of you have suffered in the common affliction, but "cast not away your confidence." "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed to his name." Surrounded, however, as ye are, by spiritual darkness, you must, with us, lament the moral and social condition of the great mass of society in this country, and ye cannot be insensible as to the only means by which it is to be elevated to the rank of Christian. The pure form of Christianity which you possess, is the grand instrument for the regeneration of the world. The great truths of the Gospel shall yet exert a sovereign power over the hearts of our countrymen; and the Holy Spirit will exercise his divine influence throughout the length and breadth of our land. Gracious prosperity shall yet follow the ministry of the word; and God's people rejoice in the final triumph of truth. Let us unite with one another in faithful, fervent prayer for this desirable consummation—"Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest, and the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever; and my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places."

You are called with a holy calling: you must, therefore, remember that you should be as lights in a dark place, holding forth the word of life—in your example, showing, "by purity, by knowledge, by love unfeigned," that you have put on Christ. Your indispensable duty in the cultivation of family religion you are convinced of; but you must also be aware that the exhibition of *personal* piety in life and conversation, will be most powerful, as a means, in enforcing the precepts of the Gospel on the minds of the young. And you should never neglect the reading of the sacred scriptures in your family devotions, making the ordinances of religion a privilege to your children, ra-

ther than a dry and formal duty. Never allow your attachment to the means of grace in use among us, to decline. Pray much for the men who labour for your good. Do not enter the house of God, to worship or to hear the word preached, without previous meditation. "Take heed how you hear," is the command of our divine Master; and we cannot thus take heed without thinking seriously on the truths which we hear. "Finally, brethren, whatsover things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK on these things." We believe, brethren, that our great cause of unfruitfulness is the absence of serious and devout thoughtfulness in those who hear. While you keep at the utmost distance from sin, pity and pray for those unhappily under its dominion, exercising your kindest sympathy for the fallen, and for those who are out of the way. Rescue them, if you can, from the snare of the wicked one. "And of some have compassion, making a difference; and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garments spotted by the flesh."

In the approaching elections, it is to be hoped that there shall not be the same degree of excitement as on former occasions. The unexampled liberality manifested by English Protestants to our famishing countrymen, will, no doubt, tend considerably to lessen the asperity of parties, and prevent much of the usual violence and outrage. But while you, as citizens, conscientiously exercise your rights, as Christians you must carefully avoid mixing yourselves up with party politics, remembering the words of our divine Master, "My kingdom is not of this world."

A general Mission, as you are aware, was appointed at the last Conference, for the South of Ireland. We now rejoice, and doubtless you will rejoice with us, at the undoubted success of the experiment. Our brethren separated to that onerous work, have preached in the streets and fields, the fairs and markets, with little interruption, and with great encouragement. The result is a settled conviction of the utility of such

an agency, as being peculiarly suited to the condition of the country. Nor does it any longer remain a question whether such a system of instruction be practicable. We regret, therefore, that instead of extending this department of our work to the other provinces, our want of means obliges us to discontinue it for the present. But we hope to resume it at no distant period, when circumstances shall favour the undertaking.

We are laid under lasting obligations to the Wesleyan Central Committee, for the timely supplies which were afforded us in the season of deep distress. We would also mention with gratitude, the kind liberality of several benevolent individuals in England, who contributed to the relief of our countrymen. By means of those supplies, thousands of sufferers in pining want were soothed and relieved, and not a few rescued from the gates of the grave. It will be gratifying to our generous friends of the British Connexion to learn, that though their beneficent gifts were distributed without any regard to denominational distinction, yet many of our own dear people, "in a great trial of affliction," have participated in the benefit. "But thanks be to God, who put the same earnest care into their heart" for us in the hour of national calamity.

Although the present is a period of unprecedented affliction in our land, yet we believe that God will educe great good out of the temporary evil, and sanctify his own providential dispensation to the purposes of his grace and mercy. Let us, dear brethren, wait patiently His time, who doeth all things well, and we shall by-and-bye rejoice, and look on the days of mourning and affliction, as the sorrowful seed-time of a joyous harvest. "Therefore, beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Belfast, 30th June, 1847.

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

THE WESLEYAN MINISTERS,

AND

PREACHERS ON TRIAL, IN IRELAND.

☞ The figures before the names show the year in which each commenced his itinerant ministry, and those after, the number of successive annual appointments he has had to his present Circuit.

	Yrs.
1834 Appelbe, William P., Dublin South.....	1
1816 Armstrong, John, Brookborough....	2
1805 Armstrong, William *Super.* Lisburn.	
1838 Atkins, J. H., Castlebar.....	2
1841 Bagley, John, Armagh.....	1
1818 Ballard, T. Waterford.....	3
1831 Bamford, R. Longford.....	2
1834 Banks, E. M. Kilkenny.....	2
1702 Banks, R. *Super.* Carlow.....	
1846 Bass, Jas. Lisburn,	1
1832 Bayly, Benj. Moira,	1
1833 Beamish, T. *Super.* Kingstown.....	
1824 Beauchamp, R. Lurgan,.....	1
1842 Bell, Robert, Lowtherstown.	2
1837 Black, James, Lowtherstown,.....	2
1836 Black, R. Ballymena,	1
1839 Boyd, J. H. Downpatrick,.....	1
1839 Brown, Wm. Ballycastle.....	1
1810 Bruce, R. Roscrea,	1
1830 Burnside, Wm. Boyle	2
1809 Burrows, G. Moira, &c.	3
1805 Burrows, M. *Super.* Carrickfergus.	
1844 Butler, Wm. Portadown.....	1
1824 Byrne, C. Dungannon,	2
1797 Campbell, A. *Super.* Dublin South.	
1812 Campbell, J. *Super.* Belfast South.	
1831 Campbell, W. G. Tullamoore.....	2

	Yrs.
1815 Campbell, R. Ballina.	1
1810 Carey, Jno. Londonderry	2
1808 Carson, R. *Super.* Omagh.	
1841 Cather, R. G. Drogheda	2
1829 Cather, Wm. Donaghadee	3
1796 Clendinnen, J. *Super.* Bideford, England.	
1810 Cobain, E. Carrickfergus	1
1843 Collier, Jas. Donaghadee	1
1832 Cowdy, S. Athlone,	2
1814 Cornwall, W. Tuam,	3
1804 Crook, W. Maryborough	2
1793 Crozier, R. *Super.* Enniskillen.	
1834 Darby, W. A. Belfast, South,	2
1814 Deery, G. Omagh,	2
1799 Deery, H. *Super.* Dublin North,	
1840 Devers, R. A. Ballyclare	2
1837 Donald, Jas. Rathmelton, &c.,	1
1838 Donald, Jno. Cloughjordan	1
1796 Douglas, W. *Super.* Lowtherstown.	
1808 Downing, S. Newtownbarry	2
1840 Duncan, Jno. Bandon,	2
1843 Elliott, F. Berehaven Mines	2
1821 Feely, Jno. Lucan, &c	1
1846 Ferguson, S. Lucan, &c	1
1790 Ferguson, W. *Super.* Dublin South.	
1808 Ffrench, P. *Super.* Drogheda.	
1810 Finlay, W. *Super.* Strabane.	
1833 Foster, Jno. Magherafelt	1
1843 Foster, Thos. Tipperary	2
1808 Foote, W. Castleblayney	2
1832 Geddes, H. Killaloe,	1
1840 Gilbert, Jno. Brookborough	1
1834 Giles, H. J. Wexford	1
1823 Gillman, J. B. *Super.* Cork.	
1846 Grant, C. L. Dungannon	1
1826 Greer, Jno. Bandon,	1
1821 Guard, Wm. Donegal	1
1836 Hamilton, R. Strabane	3
1810 Harman, J. *Super.* Cork.	
1828 Harper, E. Newtownlimavady	2
1826 Harrington, J. Donaghadee	1
1809 Hazelton, E. *Super.* Dungannon.	
1845 Hazelton, Jno. Clones	1
1841 Henderson, A. M. Belfast, North	1
1826 Henry, Jas. Galway,	1
1838 Hewitt, R. Newtownbarry	1
1835 Hickey, T. Limerick	2
1842 Higgins, Jno Castlebar,	1
1815 Hill, John, Tullamoore	2
1822 Hobart, N. Manorhamilton,	1
1831 Hoey, W. the 1st. Lisburn,	1

Yrs.

1840 Hoey, W. the 2d, Castleblayney,..... 2
1820 Holmes, John Carlow, 1
1830 Hughes, Jas. Clones, 2
1835 Hughes, Jno. Wicklow..... 3
1840 Huston, A. *Super.* Strabane.
1829 Huston, R. Enniskillen..... 1
1845 Hutcheson, J. Coleraine..... 1
1806 Irvine, J. C. *Super.* Pettigo, &c.
1815 Jebb, John, Killeshandra..... 1
1827 Jessop, R. Newry... 2
1809 Johnston, E. the 1st *Super.* Lisburn.
1845 Johnson, E. the 2d, Killeshandra, ... 1
1808 Johnston, Jas. *Super.* Belfast South.
1846 Johnston, Joseph, Belmullet and Erris. ..1
1847 Johnston, Sam. Manorhamilton 1
1840 Jones, R. G. Dublin North..... 3
1847 Kernahan, Jas. Wicklow, ... 1
1846 Keys, James, Wexford..... 1
1806 Keys, Wm. *Super.* Longford.
1806 Kyle, S. *Super.* Pettigo, &c.
1794 Lanktree, M. *Super.* Belfast South.
1844 Lebert, W. Pettigo, &c..... 1
1825 Lemaitre, F. P. Cork, 1
1834 Liddy, John, Fermoy &c..... 1
1827 Lindsay, R. H. Tandragee..... 1

Yrs.

1846 Long, M. Kilkenny, 1
1845 Lough, W. Skibbereen,..... 2
1801 Lougheed, T. *Super.* Tullamoore.
1828 Lupton, W. Sligo, 1
1808 Lynch, Jas. *Super.* Leeds.
1827 M'Afee, D. Belfast, North,..... 2
1845 M'Clintock, J. Magherafelt,... 1
1807 M'Cormick, C. *Super.* Dublin N.
1802 M'Cutcheon, J. *Super.* Omagh.
1844 Macdonald, T. M. Dublin North..... 2
1808 M'Dowell, S. Kilrush..... 2
1801 M'Elwain, G. *Super.* Kingstown.
1836 M'Garvey, W. Cootehill..... 2
1847 M'Gee, Geo. Strabane..... 1
1840 M'Kay, J. W. Coleraine..... 1
1845 M'Lorinan, T. Cootehill..... 1
1838 M'Millen, G. Dublin South..... 2
1841 M'Mullen, W. Enniskillen..... 1
1812 Masaroon, R. Cork. 1
1818 Mathews, J. F. Waterford..... 1
1846 Maxwell, R. Carlow..... 1
1828 Meredith, T. Armagh..... 1
1837 Meyer, R. J. Longford,..... 1
1835 Moore, H. Downpatrick..... 3
1844 Morrow, F. Cavan,

	Yrs.
1829 Mulloy, W. Tralee,	2
1790 Murdock, A. *Super.* Dungannon.	
1833 Murdock, J. Ballina,	2
1824 Nash, J. Portadown,	1
1809 Nelson, J. Limerick,	2
1801 Nesbitt, J. *Super.* Enniskillen.	
1810 Noble, A. *Super.* Omagh.	
1841 Oliver, Jno. Pettigo, &c.	1
1824 Patterson, Jas. Skibbereen,	1
1808 Pratt, J. C. *Super.* Wexford.	
1823 Price, H. Belfast South,	2
1810 Reilly, W. Dublin North.	1
1815 Richey, W. Youghal	3
1789 Ridgeway, T. *Super.* Belfast North.	
1837 Robinson, D. Tandragee	1
1803 Rogers, J. *Super.* Cloughjordan.	
1802 Rutledge, J. *Super.* Wexford.	
1826 Saul, Jno. Cove	2
1835 Scott, R. Dublin Sth.	3
1830 Starkey, W. Kinsale,	1
1814 Stephens, Francis, Omagh	2
1845 Stephens, Fred. Londonderry	
1800 Stewart, Wm. Dublin South	1
1843 Storey, J. C. Dingle,	1
1824 Sullivan, J. Ballinasloe	2
1829 Tobias, J. Carrickfergus	1
1817 Tracey, R. T. Newry,	1
1845 Twiss, A. Maryborough	1
1835 Vance, G. Aughnacloy	1
1836 Wallace, R. Kingstown.	2
1838 Walker, J. Donegal,	3
1840 Waugh, J. S. Sligo,	3
1808 Waugh, Jno. Lurgan,	1
1808 Waugh, T. Bandon,	2
1837 Whitaker, T. K. Roscrea	2
1832 Wilson, J. Cavan,	1
1828 Williams, J. Drogheda	1

MINUTES

OF

SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN

The Methodist Preachers

IN THE CONNEXION ESTABLISHED BY

HE LATE REV. JOHN WESLEY, A. M.,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

BEGUN IN DUBLIN, FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1848.

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MINUTES.

QUESTION I.

'HO are now admitted as Ministers into *full connexion* th the Conference?

ANSWER.

William Lough, William Butler,
Francis Morrow, William Bidwell Lebert.

2.—What Preachers *remain on trial?*

(1.) Thomas M'Lorinan, John Hazelton,
Frederick Stephens, Alexander Twiss,
Edward Johnston, 2d. James M'Clintock,
Robert Campbell, James Hutcheson;

These have travelled *three years.*

2.) Henry M. Beale, A.B. Richard Maxwell,
Samuel Ferguson, James Bass,
James Keys, Mortlock Long,
Joseph Johnston, Charles Lynn Grant;

These have travelled *two years.*

3.) James Kernahan, Samuel Johnston,
George Magee, Thomas William Baker;

These have travelled *one year.*

3.—What Preachers are now *received on trial?*

William Crook, jun. John Hiram Robinson,
John Dwyer, James Carey,
Edward Best, Colin M'Kay,
George Chambers, William Christie.

Q. 4.—What Preachers have *died* since last C ence?

A. The four following:—

(1.) WILLIAM RICHEY, of the Youghal Missio was born near Clogher, in the County of Tyrone, year 1793, and converted to God in the nineteent of his age. Having given satisfactory evide genuine piety, zeal for God, and other necessary fications for the Christian ministry, he was ca engage in its duties amongst us, in the year 181 continued efficiently to fulfil them to the period decease. Humility, simplicity, and spirituality, to a naturally kind and affectionate disposition, at the attention of all with whom he had intercours greatly endeared him to the people amongst wh exercised his ministry. His sermons were pla evangelical, and his delivery of them earnest a pressive; as a pastor he was diligent, faithful, an severing, and his visits, whether to the people immediate charge or to others, were well-timed cious, and so admirably suited to leave a spiritu abiding impression, that by them his way was frec opened to further usefulness. For some months his death, he was much exposed to injury from hi tions in consequence of the fever which then pre but his mind was peculiarly upheld by the conso of the Holy Spirit, and when himself seized by t ease in a malignant form, having yet perfect co of his faculties, such was his anxiety to return beloved duties, that he earnestly inquired of his r attendant, when he thought he might resume his l But his work on earth was finished, and his ever rest at hand. The closing scene was solemnly e and impressive, for, having devoutly expressed his "to depart and to be with Christ," with his dying he fervently prayed for his family, and for the Ch God, and so fell asleep in Jesus on the 23rd o 1847, in the fifty-fourth year of his age, and the third of his ministry.

(2.) WILLIAM STARKEY, of the Kinsale Mission. He was blessed with pious parents, who trained him up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." In early life he was awakened to a deep sense of his guilt and danger, and obtained the knowledge of salvation by the remission of sins, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Having been distinguished by consistent piety and usefulness in a subordinate capacity, he was called to the public ministry in 1830, and laboured in word and doctrine with general acceptance and success, much beloved by the people to whom he ministered. It pleased God to visit him with severe family bereavements, yet, sustained by grace, he murmured not, but meekly submitted to the wise dispensations of his Father in heaven.

He was amiable in spirit, and unassuming in manners, respectable and useful as a preacher, diligent and punctual in attention to all his pastoral duties. His piety shone with increasing lustre in his latest sufferings; he knew in whom he had believed, and his death was not only peaceful but triumphant.

His Master's call was unexpected, and comparatively sudden. There is reason to believe that the scenes of distress through which he passed in ministering to the suffering poor, during the late famine, acting on a heart peculiarly tender, injuriously affected his constitution, and hastened his end.

He died in Bandon, on the 17th of September, 1847, in the forty-fifth year of his age, and seventeenth of his ministry.

(3.) GEORGE DEERY, of the Omagh Circuit, in the twenty-eighth year of his age and the fourth of his ministry. He was a young man of great prudence, piety, aud zeal, of considerable ability for the profitable exercise of the Christian ministry, and much beloved by the people amongst whom he laboured. He died in Dublin, in his father's house, on the 18th of January, 1848, of a rapid consumption, in full assurance of his acceptance with God, through faith in the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

(4.) ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL. He was truly converted to God in early life, and, having experienced redemption by faith in the blood of Christ, he began to call sinners to repentance, and gave such indications of talent and promise of usefulness in our ministry, that in 1797 he was appointed to a circuit, and continued diligently engaged in the sacred work until 1828, when he was obliged to become a supernumerary. He was a man of good understanding, improved by general reading, thoroughly acquainted with, and heartily attached to our doctrines and discipline. Since 1830 he resided in Dublin, and within that period suffered much affliction, which he endured with Christian patience; finishing his earthly career in the faith and hope of the Gospel, March 23, 1848, aged eighty years.

Q. 5.—Are there any objections to any of our Ministers, or Preachers on trial?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6.—Who have resigned their places amongst us?

A. Claudius Byrne and Robert Jessop, who are about to emigrate; and William Arthur Darby, who has quitted our work.

Q. 7.—How shall our Ministers, and Preachers on trial, be stationed for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz.—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin South, Centenary Chapel, &c.*	William Stewart, William P. Appelbe, LL.D., Gibson M'Millen; Robinson Scott, Governor and Chaplain of the Wesleyan Connexional School; William Ferguson, Charles M'Cormick, John Waugh, and Thomas Beamish, *Supernumeraries.*
2 *Dublin North, Abbey-st. Chapel, &c.*	William Reilly, George Vance, Frederick Stephens; Henry Deery, Supernumerary.

3	*Kingstown,*	Robert Masaroon; George M'-Elwain, *Supernumerary.* N.B.—Brother Masaroon shall change once in the three weeks with the Preachers of the Dublin South Circuit.
4	*Drogheda,*	William Cather, Robert G. Cather, A.M.; Michael Burrows, who is to reside in Dundalk, and Patrick Ffrench, *Supernumeraries.*
5	*Wicklow,*	Robert Hamilton, William Lough. N.B.—Letters to be directed to Rathdrum.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6	*Waterford,*	John F. Mathews, Robert G. Jones.
7	*Carlow,*	John Holmes, Richard Maxwell; Robert Banks, *Supernumerary.*
8	*Newtownbarry,*	Robert Bamford, William Christie.
9	*Wexford,*	Henry J. Giles, James Keys; James Rutledge, who resides in New Ross, and James C. Pratt, *Supernumeraries.*

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

0	*Cork,*	Henry Price, Frederick P. LeMaitre; Joshua Harman, James B. Gillman, *Supernumeraries.*
1	*Cove,*	John Saul.
2	*Bandon,*	John Greer, John Duncan—Thomas Waugh.
3	*Skibbereen,*	James Patterson, Thomas W. Baker.

14	*Tralee,*	John Hughes.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

15	*Limerick,*	John Nelson, Thomas Hickey.
16	*Roscrea,*	Robert Bruce, James S. Waugh.
17	*Cloughjordan,*	John Donald; John Rogers, *Supernumerary.*

N.B.—Letters for Brother Donald, should be directed to Borrisokane.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

18	*Tullamoore,*	John Hill, William G. Campbell; Thomas Lougheed, *Supernumerary.*
19	*Athlone,*	William Burnside.
20	*Maryborough,*	William Crook, William Crook, junior.
21	*Longford,*	William Mulloy, Robert J. Meyer; William Keys, *Supernumerary.*

WILLIAM CROOK, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

22	*Sligo,*	William Lupton, Alexander Twiss.
23	*Castlebar,*	John H. Atkins, James Kernahan.
24	*Ballina,*	James Murdock, Robert Campbell.
25	*Boyle,*	Samuel Cowdy.

WILLIAM LUPTON, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

26	*Clones,*	Samuel Downing, James Bass.
27	*Cootehill,*	Wallace M'Mullen, Edward Johnston the 2nd.

Killesandra,	John Jebb, John Hiram Robinson.
Castleblaney and Monaghan,	William Browne, Edward Best.
Aughnacloy,	James Hughes.

JAMES HUGHES, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

Enniskillen,	Robert Huston, Robert Bell; Robert Crozier, John Nesbitt, *Supernumeraries.*
Brookborough,	John Armstrong, Charles L. Grant.
Manorhamilton,	Nathaniel Hobart, John H. Boyd.
Lowtherstown,	James Black, James Collier; William Douglas, *Sup.*
Ballyshannon and Pettigo.	John Oliver, William B. Lebert; Samuel Kyle, John C. Irvine, *Supernumeraries.*

JOHN ARMSTRONG, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

Londonderry,	John Carey, Colin M'Kay.
Strabane,	Robert H. Lindsay, John Hazelton; William Finlay, Andrew Huston, *Supernumeraries.*
Omagh,	John C. Storey, James M'Clintock; James M'Cutcheon, Arthur Noble, Robert Carson, *Supernumeraries.*

JOHN CAREY, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

Belfast South, Donegall Square Chapel, &c.	John Williams, Robert Wallace; Matthew Lanktree, James Johnston, John Campbell, *Supernumeraries.*

40	*Belfast North, Frederick Street Chapel, &c.*	Daniel M'Afee, Anketell M. Henderson; Thomas Ridgeway, Edward Johnston, 1st, *Supernumeraries.*
41	*Ballyclare,*	Robert Hewitt.
42	*Donaghadee,*	Thomas Ballard, John Higgins, who is to reside in Newtownards; Samuel M'Dowell, *Supernumerary,* who is to reside at Kirkcubbin.
43	*Carrickfergus,*	James Tobias, Edward Cobain.
44	*Coleraine,*	Joseph W. M'Kay, James Hutcheson.
45	*Magherafelt,*	John Foster, Joseph Johnston.
46	*Lisburn,*	William Hoey, 1st, Thomas K. Whitaker; Wm. Armstrong, *Supernumerary.*
47	*Downpatrick,*	William M'Garvey, Mortlock Long.

DANIEL M'AFEE, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

48	*Newry,*	Richard T. Tracy, Wm. Butler.
49	*Dungannon,*	William Hoey, the 2nd, John Dwyer; Archibald Murdock, Edward Hazelton, who resides in Moy, *Supernumeraries.*
50	*Armagh,*	Thomas Meredith, Geo. Magee.
51	*Lurgan,*	Robert Beauchamp, H. Moore.
52	*Moira and Dromore,*	Benjamin Bayly, who resides in Moira; Robert A. Devers.
53	*Tandragee,*	George Burrows, John Bagley; William Foote, *Super.*
54	*Portadown,*	John Nash, George Chambers.

RICHARD T. TRACY, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

IN THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Lucan and Trim,*	John Feely, Samuel Johnston.

IN THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

2	*Kilkenny,*	John Walker, H.M. Beale, A.B.
3	*Tipperary,*	Samuel Ferguson.

IN THE CORK DISTRICT.

4	*Youghal,*	Edward M. Banks.
5	*Fermoy,*	John Liddy.
6	*Kinsale,*	Frederick Elliott.
7	*Berehaven Mines,*	Francis Morrow.
8	*Dingle,*	John Gilbert.

IN THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

9	*Ballinasloe,*	James Sullivan.
10	*Killaloe,*	Henry Geddes; John Harrington, who is to reside in Nenagh, *Supernumerary.*
11	*Kilrush,*	Francis Stephens.
12	*Galway,*	James Henry.

IN THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

13	*Tuam,*	William Cornwall.

IN THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

14	*Belmullet and Erris,*	Thomas M'Lorinan.

IN THE CLONES DISTRICT.

15	*Cavan,*	Jeremiah Wilson, James Carey.

IN THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

16	*Donegal,*	William Guard, Thomas Foster.

IN THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

17	*Rathmelton, &c.*	James Donald.
18	*Newtownlimavaddy,*	Edward Harpur.

IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

19	*Ballymena,*	Robert Black.

Q. 8. What is the Number of Members in our Societies?

A. Twenty-three thousand, one hundred, and forty-two.

The Emigrations from our Society during the past year have amounted to One Thousand and Sixty-three.

Q. 9. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Seven Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Seven Pence; and Twenty-four Pounds, Fourteen Shillings, and Eight Pence.

Q. 10. What is the judgment of the Conference as to the Yearly Collection?

A. It is expected that, according to our established Rule, this Fund shall at least be equal in each case to the preceding year; and that every reduction be considered a deficiency in the Circuit where it may occur. The Conference earnestly recommends the adoption of all prudent and practicable means by our ministers and friends for the purpose of sustaining and increasing that important fund, on the success of which so much depends in upholding and carrying forward the sacred work in which we are all so deeply interested and engaged.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the Collection towards the Education of the Preachers' Children?

A.—Three Hundred and Forty-three Pounds, Six Shillings, and Nine Pence.

Q. 12. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A.—Two Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds, Five Shillings.

Q. 13. What is the amount of the Chapel Fund Collection?

A.—Three Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds, Twelve Shillings, and Nine Pence.

When the Chapel Fund was first instituted, it was hoped that the Public Collections, together with the Subscriptions in the Classes, would amount to a sum equal, on the average, to one Penny per Month, for every member in Society; but from a comparison of the number of members with the annual amount of income, it obviously appears that it has fallen far short of this reasonable expectation; for whilst a few of the Circuits, by a gradual

improvement, have met, or nearly met, their full proportion, most of them have done comparatively little, notwithstanding their exemption from applications for the Building or relief of Chapels, beyond the limits of their own Circuits. It is therefore recommended, that in future no Circuit shall be exempted from such applications, unless it raise annually, at least, one half the sum required by the original Rule of the Institution. Even such an increase would greatly augment the good designed to be effected by means of the Chapel Fund.

☞ To this notification the Conference earnestly requests particular attention.

Q. 14. What is the amount of the Missionary Collection?

A. Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds, Eight Shillings and Five Pence.

Q. 15. How many Wives and Children are to be provided for this year; and what is the amount expected from the Circuits to assist in providing the increased allowance to the Superannuated Preachers and Widows?

A. Seventy wives, one hundred and forty-three children for maintenance, and sixty-eight children for education; and three hundred and forty-four pounds, five shillings, for the Superannuated Preachers and the Widows.

Q. 16. How are the sums necessary for these purposes to be made up?

A. By the several districts in the following proportions, aided from the Contingent Fund* by the sums annexed:—

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* The sum of One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty Pounds is the amount of the Contingent Fund, which it is estimated will be disposable at the Conference of 1849, which has been divided among the Districts according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting the demands upon them, which arrangement shall be final for the year.

The sum of £41, 9s. will be expected from 2487 members on the Mission Stations, being their proportion towards the new arrangements for Superannuated Preachers and the Widows.

N.B—If any circuit return a deficiency of its proportion of the above applotment, the amount of such deficiency shall be deducted from the portion of the Contingent Fund, which shall, the following *year, be allotted* to the District in which such Circuit is situate.

DISTRICTS.	Number in Society.	Amount for the Support of Wives, Maintenance and Education of Children, &c.			Grants from Contingent Fund.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1 Dublin.....	2058	257	5	0	143	10	0
2 Waterford.....	1032	129	0	0	136	10	0
3 Cork.....	1369	171	2	6	93	10	0
4 Limerick.....	688	86	0	0	61	10	0
5 Tullamoore.....	810	101	5	0	111	10	0
6 Sligo.....	898	112	5	0	93	10	0
7 Clones.....	1699	212	7	6	219	10	0
8 Enniskillen.....	3661	457	12	6	333	10	0
9 Londonderry....	1484	185	10	0	163	10	0
10 Belfast..... ...	3769	471	2	6	326	10	0
11 Newry.....	3187	398	7	6	267	0	0
	20655*	2581	17	6	1950	0	0

Q. 17. Who are the Building Committee, without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no Chapel or Preacher's dwelling, whether large or small, is to be erected, altered, purchased, or enlarged, during the year?

A. William Stewart, William Ferguson, *Secretary*, Gibson M'Millen, *Assistant Secretary*, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, with Messrs. D. Foulkes, Arthur Jones, and Isaac Farrell.

Letters to be directed to the Rev. William Ferguson, 35, Camden-street, Dublin.

N. B.—Although the Conference is desirous of encouraging every prudent effort to provide suitable Chapel accommodation, and dwellings for the families of the Preachers, nevertheless, in order to prevent a recurrence of the embarrassments arising from Building speculations, every Superintendent is solemnly charged to see that the directions contained in the preceding Minute be strictly attended to; and if he suffer an expenditure on his Circuit of more than £20 on any single building, for any of the above purposes, or any additional outlay beyond the original contract, without the explicit sanction of the Building Committee previously obtained in

* The above is the number of members in the regular Circuits, exclusive of the Missionary Stations. By an arrangement made during the Conference, the following are the numbers in Society in the undernamed Circuits:—Kingstown, 55; Wicklow, 333; Cootehill, 344; Castleblaney, 352; Aughnacloy, 273; Coleraine, 630; and Dungannon, 435.

writing; for such neglect of official duty, he shall forfeit at least two years of the time he has travelled in the connexion, and be deemed incompetent for the office of Superintendent.

Q. 18. Who are the Committee appointed as Trustees for Testamentary or other Deeds, relating to Donations, for the benefit of the Methodist connexion?

A. William Ferguson, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, John F. Mathews, William Crook, Robert Bruce, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, and Henry Price, the receipt of any one or more of whom shall be sufficient for any bequest.

Q. 19. Who are the Missionary Committee?

A. William Stewart, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John Carey, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, John Greer, and Daniel M'Afee; together with the following thirteen gentlemen—Abraham Briscoe, of Dublin; Joseph Higgins, of Clonmel; James Harcourt of Tipperary; Henry Banks of Carlow; Thomas Burrows and Robert Day, of Cork; Henry Cornwall and Henry Belcher of Bandon; James Swanton, of Skibbereen; John Busteed, of Tralee; Joseph Leech, of Roscrea; William M'Connell, of Belfast; and Thomas A. Shillington, of Portadown.

N.B.—The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer, the first week in December, March, and June; also the yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 20. Who shall compose the District Missionary Deputations for the ensuing year?

A. *Dublin*.....William Reilly, G. M'Millen.
Waterford.....John F. Mathews, John Walker.
Cork.....Henry Price, John Duncan.
Limerick.....Thomas Hickey, James S. Waugh.
Tullamoore...William Mulloy, Wm. G. Campbell.
Sligo.....William Lupton, John H. Atkins.
Clones..... ...James Hughes, W. M'Mullen.
Enniskillen...Robert Huston, William Browne.
Londonderry.Daniel M'Afee, John C. Storey.

Belfast.....Thomas Meredith, Joseph W. M'Kay.
Newry..... Benjamin Bayly, A. M. Henderson.

Q. 21. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John Carey, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, James Sullivan; William Crook, and Abraham Briscoe, Esq., of Dublin, Treasurers; John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee; William Ferguson, Secretary to the Building Committee; together with eleven brethren, not being Ministers, one from each District.

Q. 22. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our Connexional Funds?

A. 1. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, Henry Price, Secretary, and John Saul, Assistant Secretary, of the Contingent Fund.

2. William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masaroon, Secretary, and William Cather, Assistant Secretary, of the Worn-out Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Auxiliary Fund, and Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society, commonly called the Legalized Fund.

3. William Crook, and Abraham Briscoe, of Dublin, Esq., Treasurers; and John Nelson, Secretary of the Chapel Fund.

4. Walter Oke Croggon, 28, Lower Gloucester-street, Dublin, General Treasurer of the Missionary Fund.

Q. 23. Who are the Committee appointed to review the concerns of the Wesleyan Connexional School in Dublin, at the ensuing Conference?

A. William Crook, John Nelson, Robert Bruce, John Carey, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, Robert H. Lindsay, Thomas Meredith, William Lupton, James Tobias, William Cather, James Hughes, and Richard T. Tracy, together with the following gentlemen—James Swanton, Skibbereen; James Wright, Passage West; William Brown, jun., do; George Studdart, Roscrea; Henry Shillington, Aghagellan, Lisburn; Joseph Higgins, Clonmel; Charles Sharpe, Dublin; Michael Webster, do.

Q. 24. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting any proposed alterations in our laws and usages?

A. We recur to the Minute of 1795 on this subject, "*That* no such change shall be made, unless first proposed *and* agreed to in full Conference."

Q. 25. What shall be done to prevent unauthorized persons, being, or claiming to be, connected with the Methodist Societies, from preaching in our Congregations?

A. The Conference directs the republication of the following extract from the Minutes of the year 1807: "No stranger, either from America or elsewhere, shall be suffered to preach in any of our places of worship, unless he come fully accredited; if an itinerant Preacher, by having his name entered on the Minutes of the Conference of which he is a member; and if a Local Preacher, by a recommendatory note from his Superintendent."

Q. 26. What is the judgment of the Conference on the subject of forming Catechumen classes amongst the young connected with our Societies and Congregations?

A. 1st. That the Conference feels increased solicitude in reference to this subject, and has heard with much satisfaction the encouraging statements of the President as to the interesting results of this system in numerous instances.

2. That we recommend an immediate effort to be made on every Circuit to engage in a work of so much importance by forming classes amongst the young, and that the Ministers of the Circuit shall employ such suitable agents as may be deemed necessary to co-operate with them.

Q. 27. What measures can we adopt for the increase of spiritual religion among our Societies and Congregations, and the extension of vital godliness throughout the land?

A. The Conference directs, that the extract found in our printed Minutes for 1821, chiefly copied from the British Minutes of the preceding year, and subsequently published in the Rules and Regulations for conducting our District Meetings, shall be read by the Chairman at the August District Meeting; and its several particulars then made the subject of solemn thought and devout conversation among the brethren, that the whole, so far as practicable, may be brought into actual operation.

N.B.—A copy of the Rules and Regulations, referred to above, shall be supplied to every Chairman in due time.

Q. 28. What shall be done to ensure a more correct

and regular return of the number of members in Society, and of the state of the several Circuits?

A. 1st. The printed Schedules shall be filled up in every class at the time of the renewal of Tickets, afterwards carefully examined at the Circuit Quarterly Meetings, and then transmitted by the Superintendents to the Chairmen of their respective Districts.

2nd. Each Superintendent shall produce for consideration a complete plan of the preaching places on his Circuit, and their distances from each other, at the May District Meeting, that the whole may be brought under special review, at the meeting of the Committee of Chairmen, preparatory to the Conference.

Q. 29. What are the regulations of Conference respecting the members of Society removing from one Circuit to another?

A. 1st. When any of the members of our Society shall remove from one Circuit to another, a certificate in each case shall be furnished to the person removing, sealed and directed to the Superintendent of the Circuit to which the party is about to remove. At the same time a note shall be sent to the Superintendent by post, informing him of the person so removing.

2nd. Each Superintendent shall be required to keep a list of the names of the persons leaving his Circuit, with an account of the places to which they remove, together with the date of each letter sent to the Superintendent; the list to be produced at the May District Meeting, and brought by the Chairman to the Conference.

Q. 30. How may the experience, counsel, and supervision of our Chairmen of Districts be rendered more available in cases of emergency?

A. The Conference unanimously adopts the Minute of the British Conference of 1844 on this subject, viz.:— Each Chairman is authorised to visit officially any Circuit in his District to which he shall be invited by the Superintendent; or respecting which, after consultation with the Superintendent, he shall be satisfied that his intervention may be serviceable to the preservation of peace and order, or to the faithful and judicious execution of our discipline, or administration of our economy.

Q. 31. What are the regulations of the Conference

specting young men on trial as Candidates for admission to full connexion with our body?

A. 1st. The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, all proposed as candidates for our ministry, but also to return minutely in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings, after such examination, of their health, piety, moral character, ministerial abilities, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our discipline, and freedom from debt, as well as from all other secular encumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any candidate shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may be forthwith copied, if the Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into the book provided for that purpose.

2nd. The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a Sermon every year, at their respective District Meetings, during the period of their probation; and the judgment of the District Meetings respecting those sermons shall be recorded in their Minutes.

3rd. The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every May District Meeting, examine every Preacher on trial respecting the course of theological reading which he has pursued throughout the preceding year For this purpose, every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District, a list of the books which he has read during the year. These lists shall be laid before the Meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving the junior Preachers such advices and directions, respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

4th. Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, *in addition to the other examinations* required by our existing Rules; and no Preacher shall be recommended unless the result of his examination be satisfactory to the Meeting.

N.B.—The closest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly *recommended to every* Candidate for the Ministry amongst us; as

no one can be received as a Preacher into our connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the Book of God. The attention of the Chairman is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of the District Meetings.

Q. 32. Who are the Representatives to the British Conference?

A.—Thomas Waugh, John F. Mathews, and John Greer.

Q. 33.—When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. In the third week in August.

Q. 34. When shall the District Meetings preparatory to the ensuing Conference be held?

A. In the first, or, at the latest, in the second week in May.

Q. 35.—When shall the Committees meet, preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A.—As follows, viz.:—1. The Committee of Chairmen of Districts, on Friday, the 22nd of June, 1849, at twelve o'clock noon. 2. The Chapel Fund Committee, on Saturday, the 23rd of June, 1849, at nine o'clock A.M. 3. The Committee of Review of the Wesleyan Connexional School in Dublin, on Saturday, the 23rd of June, 1849, at seven o'clock P.M. 4. The Stationing Committee, on Monday, the 25th of June, 1849, at ten o'clock A.M. 5. The Missionary Committee, on Tuesday, the 26th of June, 1849, at ten o'clock A.M.

N.B.—The Secretary, Brother John F. Mathews, is required to attend these Committees, for the purpose of preparing the necessary documents for the Conference.

Q. 36.—When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Cork, commencing on Wednesday, the 27th of June, 1849, at Six o'clock, A.M.

N.B. It is directed that special attention be given to the rule, that no Circuit be left without a Preacher during the sitting of Conference; and those Preachers who remain on the Circuits shall not remove, until officially notified of the confirmation of the stations for the ensuing year. The Chairmen of Districts shall be responsible for the observance of this rule.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

SAMUEL JACKSON, PRESIDENT.
JOHN F. MATHEWS, SECRETARY.

Dublin, July 3, 1848.

GENERAL RECAPITULATION

of the NUMBER of MEMBERS and MINISTERS in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1847.

Number of Members in Great Britain, ...			339,379
Ditto in Ireland, ...			24,633
Ditto in Foreign Stations, ...			100,303
Total number of Members under the care of the British and Irish Conferences, ...			464,315

N.B.—The number of regular Ministers and Preachers on Trial, and those who are Supernumerary and Superannuated, is as follows; viz.

In Great Britain,			
Ministers, ...	879		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated, ...	175		
Preachers on Trial, ...	131		
			1,185
In Ireland,			
Ministers, ...	81		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated, ...	35		
Preachers on Trial, ...	24		
Missionaries, viz.—			
Ministers, ...	21		
Preachers on Trial, ...	3		
	24		
			164
In our Foreign Stations,			
Ministers, ...	293		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated, ...	10		
Preachers on Trial, ...	83		
			386
Total, ...			1,735

Number of Members under the care of the *Wesleyan Conference in Canada*, in connection with the British Conference:—			
Whites, ...	20,955		
Indians, ...	794		
			21,749
Number of Ministers belonging to the *Wesleyan Conference in Canada* in connexion with the British Conference, ...	160		
Supernumerary and Superannuated, ...	21		
			181

11	Cove	83	14	6	6	2	3	8	2	16	0	2	12	8	4
12	Bandon	481	52	0	0	15	10	0	14	5	0	22	7	0	15
13	Skibbereen	312	14	4	0	2	12	0	3	0	0	4	2	0	5
14	Tralee	90	8	6	3	2	5	6	1	11	6	4	0	0	2
15	Limerick	330	26	0	0	6	0	0	9	0	0	12	0	0	7
16	Roscrea	172	12	0	0	8	2	6	7	18	6	8	9	6	12
17	Cloughjordan	186	5	0	0	2	6	9	1	11	6	2	11	0	3
18	Tullamoore	213	8	1	0	3	0	0	1	11	6	4	0	0	6
19	Athlone	113	4	1	6	1	14	6	1	12	0	1	18	10	3
20	Maryborough	250	10	0	0	4	5	0	2	10	0	5	0	0	7
21	Longford	234	7	10	0	3	2	6	1	11	6	5	3	6	5
22	Sligo	491	14	13	0	5	10	0	3	3	0	10	0	0	7
23	Castlebar	70	5	6	0	3	12	6	1	11	6	3	10	6	4
24	Ballina	184	4	10	0	3	11	2	1	11	6	3	10	0	3
25	Boyle	153	2	17	3	1	4	9	2	0	0	1	8	7	3
26	Clones	380	2	5	0	1	10	10	1	15	0	1	17	0	3
27	Cootehill	330	4	9	0	1	18	6	1	11	6	2	13	6	3
28	Killesandra	350	2	18	0	2	0	4	1	12	6	2	2	10	3
29	Castleblaney, &c.	366	4	13	6	2	12	6	1	12	6	3	3	0	4
30	Aughnacloy	286	3	0	0	2	1	7	1	11	6	1	15	0	3
31	Enniskillen	750	18	1	0	4	11	11	1	11	6	5	10	0	7
32	Brookborough	604	6	0	0	2	12	6	1	11	6	4	2	0	6
33	Manorhamilton	760	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	2	6	0	4
34	Lowtherstown	1034	7	0	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	3	0	0	4
35	Pettigo, &c.	513	4	4	4	1	16	4	1	11	6	1	13	3	3
36	Londonderry	270	14	0	0	5	0	1	4	0	0	10	9	0	1
37	Strabane	600	6	13	2	3	0	0	1	11	6	3	0	0	3
38	Omagh	614	6	16	10	4	4	2	1	11	6	2	5	6	3
39	Belfast, South	560	36	5	10	13	0	7	12	16	6	18	5	0	2
40	Belfast, North	718	27	5	0	20	1	0	8	10	0	12	12	0	1
41	Ballyclare	250	4	10	0	2	4	8	1	11	6	2	10	0	3
42	Donaghadee	540	8	10	0	7	19	2	1	17	6	5	9	1	1
43	Carrickfergus	235	6	15	0	9	12	6	1	12	0	6	7	4	3
44	Coleraine	270	7	0	1	6	8	9	2	0	0	6	9	0	3
45	Magherafelt	357	4	1	1	1	4	0	1	11	6	3	0	0	3
46	Lisburn	407	8	14	6	6	8	6	1	17	6	4	3	0	3
47	Downpatrick	342	1	16	2	4	9	0	1	11	6	2	2	4	3
48	Newry	241	6	0	0	4	7	8	2	5	0	4	0	0	3
49	Dungannon	422	6	10	0	2	13	0	2	0	0	3	16	0	3
50	Armagh	531	8	0	0	4	5	7	1	16	0	3	1	6	3
51	Lurgan	446	6	0	0	6	0	0	2	10	0	3	11	6	3

GENERAL STATEMENT,

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Cash from last year, ...	69	1	11
— Grant from British Contingent Fund, ...	650	0	0
— Grant from Book Room, ...	500	0	0
— Amount of Yearly Collection, £766 12 7 and £24 14s. 8d.	791	7	3
— Cash per Rev. W. O. C., ...	150	0	0
— Donation from a Friend, per Rev. C. Byrne, ...	10	0	0
— Interest on the late Mrs. Shiel's Legacy, ...	3	13	6
— Balance due, ...	141	4	4
	£2315	7	0

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Grant to Districts, according to arrangements of last year, ...	2000	0	0
— Deficiencies of Circuits, omitted last year,	101	8	7
— Deficiencies of Circuits this year, ...	63	9	1
— Miscellanies, ...	120	9	4
— Furniture and Ministerial aid to Circuits,	30	0	0
	£2315	7	0

N.B.—The sum of £10 1s. 8d., the interest on the legacy of the late Mrs. Deaves, has been transmitted to the ... Society Fund.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

IRISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

"BY the good hand of our God upon us," we are s assembled in our annual Conference. And thoug are met under circumstances unusually painful an pressing, yet we are enabled to "sing of mercy" as as of "judgment."

Amid surrounding pestilence and death, which wasted the population of our land to a lamentable e we have endeavoured to pursue our course of duty, istering in word and doctrine, visiting the abodes c verty and disease; by the grace of God, striving t the sufferers to the great Physician of souls, and, b large bounty of your Central Committee, alleviating temporal calamity: and yet, with one exception, a Brethren in the active work have been preserved ali a gracious Providence.

Your excellent Address, so descriptive of our unl country, of its prevailing evils, and their only reme replete with paternal kindness and brotherly affe was heard with deep emotion, and lively gratitude. outpouring of your sympathy, which has been a substantially manifested, the cordial recognition o oneness with you, your kind estimate of our doing sufferings in the common cause of our Lord and M

Your fervent and faithful prayers for our increasing success, re-animated our drooping spirits, and cheered our afflicted hearts. We are thus encouraged to reiterate the request, "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you." We rejoice that your self-denying and unremitting labours are still crowned with success by the great Head of the church; and our prayer is, "The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you."

While we thankfully acknowledge, to the glory of God, that, during the year, his servants have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain; that, through the ministry of the word, sinners have been converted to God, and believers edified; we feel humbled and grieved that, owing to various causes, our return of members shows a considerable decrease. Emigration from which we have always suffered, has this year increased to an amount unparalleled in our history, sweeping from the shores of our famine-stricken country nearly two thousand of our members, among whom were many of the most pious, enterprising, and useful of our people. Corresponding numbers of our hearers and liberal supporters are also thus removed from us.

In many localities, where the proportion of Protestants is comparatively small, classes have been broken up, the places where our Ministers were entertained are closed, and congregations scattered; so that the losses sustained by our cause can be estimated, in their variety and extent, only by those who have personal knowledge of the localities, and experience of the difficulties.

The hand of death has been upon our people, and an unusual number during the year have exchanged mortality for eternal life. Nearly nine hundred have been ascertained; but we doubt not the number exceeds a thousand. For them, however, we sorrow not as men without hope: our loss is their everlasting gain.

Four of our Ministers, during the year, have been called from the field of labour to the fruition of reward. Three of them, through age and infirmity, had ceased from the itinerant work for several years: they were labo-

rious and successful men, whose praise is in all our churches. Even in old age they flourished in the courts of our God; in death they enjoyed, in an eminent degree, the happiness of religion, and left a strong and cheering testimony to the power of that Gospel which it had been the joy of their hearts to proclaim to others. One in the vigour of life and in the midst of his usefulness, usefulness of no ordinary extent, was cut down by fever, caught in his visits of mercy to the suffering poor. He also triumphed in Christ; and from Him who said, "I was sick, and ye visited me," has received the welcome plaudit, "Well done!" O may we who survive catch, with their falling mantles, a double portion of their heavenly inspiration, and follow them as they followed Christ!

Four young men of considerable promise, having passed through the usual term of probation with acceptance, after a lengthened and highly satisfactory examination, have been received into full connexion with the Conference, and solemnly set apart to the pastoral office by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery.

Two candidates for our ministry, cordially recommended by their District-Meetings, have been approved by the Conference. Three Brethren, including a Student from the Theological Institution, have been appointed to Circuits; and one has been placed on our List of Reserve.

The devotional exercises connected with the Conference have been "times of refreshing, coming from the presence of the Lord;" and our various sittings characterized by unity and godly love.

Our venerable and highly esteemed President, the Rev. William Atherton, has secured the profound respect and cordial affection of all the Brethren. His extensive and accurate knowledge of our discipline and order, his systematic, firm, and yet conciliating, mode of conducting the business of the Conference; his enlightened, powerful, and truly edifying ministrations in our pulpits, attended, as they were, by the rich unction of the Holy Ghost, have led us devoutly and thankfully to glorify God in him.

We deem it an inestimable privilege to be again favoured by the presence, the judicious counsels, and the *faithful* ministry of our well-tried and much-beloved

friend, the Rev. Robert Newton, D.D. The deeply affectionate interest he continues to take in all our affairs, and the highly important services he has rendered to our Connexion in this country, have laid us under incalculable obligation, and attach us to him with increasing gratitude and love.

While we regret much the absence of one of your honoured Missionary Secretaries, we doubt not it was the unavoidable result of his numerous and pressing engagements in London.

The excellent Brethren of your Missionary Deputation, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. William Smith, Frederick J. Jobson, William B. Stephenson, Samuel Annear, and Thomas Hodson, were acceptable and efficient in an eminent degree, by their evangelical ministry; and their lucid and practical addresses on the platform have given an increased impetus to our common cause.

At our last Conference we appointed two of our Brethren to a general Mission in the South of Ireland. They were faithful and persevering in their labours, preaching frequently in the open air to large and generally attentive congregations, in several of the towns and villages where ignorance and error prevail with little interruption; and God acknowledged them in the awakening and conversion of souls. This experiment has elicited the important fact, that a great and effectual door is opened for out-door preaching, which some of the Brethren have tried in the Missions and Circuits also; and in which many have resolved, by the help of God, to engage during the coming year.

The importance of scriptural education we deeply feel; and of its adaptation to the wants of our population, we are fully convinced. We therefore rejoice that our schools have been less injured by the pressure of want and disease than our fears had anticipated. Though somewhat lessened in number they are in a state of pleasing efficiency; and are instrumental of extensive, and we trust permanent, good.

The diligent and useful labours of your Superintendent of Missions and Schools, afford us the highest satisfaction; and we unanimously request the continuance of his valuable services.

We send, as our Representatives to your Conference, our beloved brethren, the Revs. Thomas Waugh, William Stewart, and William Lupton.

And now, very dear Fathers and Brethren, while we review the past year with deep humiliation and much searching of heart, and lament the absence of that measure of success which our hearts have earnestly desired; yet, having been so long and so mercifully preserved and sustained by the providence and grace of God, we would not cast away our confidence; but, anticipating a brighter day, we will praise God for the past, and trust him for the future. "We are," indeed, "troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."

We believe that God has presided in our counsels; and trust we shall go to the respective spheres of action which He has assigned us, determined, by his grace, to live and labour for Him, to preach "the truth as it is in Jesus" without controversy, and to aim more directly than ever at the conviction and conversion of sinners, and the building up of believers on their most holy faith. And we earnestly pray that God may return in mercy to bless our afflicted land, and make us glad according to the days wherein He has afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil; that his work may appear unto his servants, and his glory unto their children.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Belfast, July 1st, 1847.

THE ANSWER

OF THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

THE acknowledgment of an Address from you could at no time be merely formal; but, at present, the visitations of divine chastisement on your island, and the affliction you have consequently suffered, demand our most cordial sympathy. We cannot but express our unaffected solicitude that, having been so far preserved in those severe trials of your faith and patience, you may soon be raised to a renewed enjoyment of much spiritual and temporal happiness.

We trust that the reciprocation of holy affection between you and us is ever attended with a communion of prayer, in which we approach together the mercy-seat of our blessed Redeemer, and find grace to help in time of need. In this confidence we have once more welcomed your Representatives, our beloved and reverend brethren, Thomas Waugh, William Stewart, and William Lupton, and received their communications with unusually solemn interest. Most unfeignedly have we mourned over your afflicted country, on which, already suffering the ills of social disorganization, famine and pestilential disease have fallen as a redoubled scourge. It does not behove us to pronounce upon the reasons of Divine Wisdom in that fearful *dispensation*; nor yet, admitting that those inflic-

tions have been retributive, must we forget to acknowledge that it is of the Lord's mercies that we, too, are not consumed. We are constrained, however, to number Ireland with those European countries where it is undeniable that the blessing of Christian truth, purity, and freedom are but partially enjoyed. It is our arduous but heavenly vocation, to labour, by unceasing manifestation of the truth of Christ, and by prayer, until your island is brought, with ours, into a perfect condition of religious and civil prosperity.

You have, even now, the earnest and indications of this happy state. Even now you have enjoyed triumphant exemption from terrors which overwhelmed surrounding multitudes. Within your sanctuaries divine peace dwelt undisturbed; and there is good hope that the "thousand" departed members of your charge feared not to be hurt of the second death. Excepting the loss of one of your Ministers in the vigour of his natural life, (and we bless God that your loss has been numerically so small, in comparison with what might have been apprehended,) while thousands and tens of thousands fell on either hand, the plague came not nigh you. Your children might have been swept away in much greater number from your schools; but those institutions have been preserved from great loss of life; and thus God has put honour upon you in the sight of the people. On the other hand, we are deeply sensible that your trials have been severe. Never abounding in temporal provision, you must have often suffered hunger together with your flocks, and with them have drunk more deeply of the cup of sorrow than appears by your letter; and as you have been preserved, by the grace of God, from uttering a murmur, we, by the same grace, would weep with you.

The gratification which we had in transmitting to you a portion of the offerings of our people in the extremity of that distress, was heightened, in no small degree, by the assurance that you, being the distributors, would again sanctify those gifts by your prayers and seasonable spiritual ministrations; and the hope that, in many instances, the objects of our united charity would be rescued, by your instrumentality, from eternal as well as temporal

leath. How far these hopes may have been realized, cannot be exhibited in any statistics, but may appear hereafter. Thus, beloved Brethren in the patience and tribulation of Christ, we would strive to join with you in the exercise of enduring faith, which looks beyond the things visible, to those which are not seen; and would seek, with you, always to discern His almighty hand, causing all things to work together for your good. Still we remember that comfort, however precious, is not the benefit chiefly to be desired, but rather *instruction*. Although your intimate acquaintance with the state of Ireland places you far beyond us in ability to gather suggestions from the dealings of God with you during the past year, there are a few general considerations to which we venture to desire your attention.

The continued diminution of church-members in Ireland, although the causes be sufficiently obvious, cannot be thought of without sorrow; and should there be a few more successive years of declension of number in our own and other evangelical churches in Ireland, that troubled country would again be left worse than we found it, because the more guilty. Yet we do not fear this; but, on the contrary, hope and pray (let us also believe) for a revival and extension of the work of God on both sides of the Channel. And we must every moment bear in mind that nothing less than the lively Gospel, pure and powerful, as it was preached by the Apostles, the Holy Spirit bearing witness; and as it was again delivered by Luther, and, even more clearly still, by Wesley; this Gospel alone, so ministered, can renovate the population of any country, and especially of one where Romanism and infidelity prevail. Those errors which you, unhappily, know too well to need any description, cannot be parried or disarmed by the ineffectual array of minor truths; but will be eventually destroyed by the doctrine you preach, —CHRIST CRUCIFIED. Dear Brethren, let us pray for more power to set Him forth as evidently crucified for perishing sinners, with simplicity and earnestness, with affectionate and familiar application, labouring night and day, until the atoning Saviour being lifted up, without a veil of sectarian device or ecclesiastical disguise, all men *may see distinctly*, and be drawn unto Him.

Some of you have gone into the highways and hedges, to call sinners to repentance, and have not laboured in vain; for souls have been saved by that means. Others intend to do the like. Let them persevere, and they, too, shall have their reward. We wish them "good speed in the name of the Lord." They will not disdain to imitate the illustrious field-Preachers, Wesley and Gideon Ouseley, and those more illustrious institutors of the same method of winning souls—Christ and his Apostles. We rejoice in your explicit notice of their work, and perceive a peculiar fitness and excellency in it. While itinerant Friars, in some parts of the world, conduct their "Missions" in squares, market-places, and on high-roads, with ostentatious zeal, thereby working on the passions of the people, and sustaining *their* cause in districts, and among classes, where such religion as they have would, but for similar expedients, die away for want of even the outward show of earnestness, it cannot be thought unbecoming that you should solemnize *your* Missions throughout neglected districts, as our fathers did, until you can rear living temples to God where, as yet, we have scarcely found a standing-place. Again we bid you good speed in the name of the Lord.

You rightly speak of preaching "without controversy;" and we applaud your method. By preaching "without controversy," we fully understand you to mean, without contention, or strife of words, or fruitless disputation with those who differ from us in doctrine and in worship. But you do not mean—for such has not been your practice—to weaken the force of truth by any unfaithful, however well meant, effort at conciliation. Your fellow-men, indeed, you labour to conciliate; but the system under which they are oppressed neither may nor will be conciliated; and therefore, wherever you preach, we know that you will especially exhibit the two great truths of justification by faith, and the witness of the Spirit, as those of the ever-blessed Gospel, *distinctively*, and *without controversy*. Despite the force of bigotry, there is in Christian truth by which you are made free, and in christian love by which you are constrained, a power which the people, in whatever country, cannot always gainsay and resist. *Gird on* your armour, and hasten to wage this holy and

peaceful, yet strenuous, warfare; and the same God who has thus far kept you amidst famine and pestilence, will protect you from every other evil. "Be of good courage; for He shall strengthen your hearts, all ye that hope in the Lord."

We have appointed our respected President, the Rev. Samuel Jackson; our Secretary, the Rev. Robert Newton, D. D.; and the Rev. Dr. Bunting; to visit you at your next Conference. The Missionary Deputations are as follows:—For the North of Ireland, the Rev. Messrs. Thomas H. Squance and George Osborn; for the South, the Rev. Messrs. Alexander Bell and Jesse Pilcher; and for the West, a supply will be provided by the Missionary Secretaries. We trust that they, receiving your accustomed welcome, will be attended by much of the presence and blessing of God; and earnestly pray that, by that time, dearth will be succeeded by abundance of well-gathered crops and harvest, that the tears of many who are still weeping will have been wiped away, and that, under the hallowed chastisement of Him by whom, for our sins, we are so justly punished, these troubles will have proved conducive to the abiding joy of converted multitudes.

May the most gracious God, who promised that seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, should not cease, bless, preserve, and keep you, and again as in the days of old, make you, through Christ, to triumph in every place!

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

ISAAC KEELING,
JOHN FARRAR,
WILLIAM BARTON,
} *Sub-Secretaries.*

Liverpool, August 14*th*, 1847.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

TO THE MEMBERS

OF THE

METHODIST SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

Called to watch over you in the Lord, and feeling the deepest interest in your spiritual welfare, we embrace the opportunity which presents itself at our Annual Conference of again addressing you in our collective capacity; we are confident that you do not regard our addresses to you on those interesting occasions as merely formal, but as an evidence of the deep anxiety we feel "that you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Our Conference was commenced on the morning of Friday, June 23rd, with devout thanksgivings to Almighty God for His merciful preservation of us, and for His gracious support afforded us, during another eventful and trying year: we also presented earnest prayer to the great Head of the Church to vouchsafe to us His presence and direction in our various deliberations, and to guide to those decisions, which through the blessing of God, would tend to the stability and extension of true religion in our native land: while engaged in this hallowed exercise, we realized the truth of the promise, "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength," and we were encouraged to believe that God was graciously intreated of us, and that He is about to revive His work amongst us.

We were favoured with the presence of our highly esteemed President, the Rev. Samuel Jackson, who by the penetration of his judgment, the patience of his spirit, and the distinguished ability with which he conducted our affairs in Conference, has laid us, and our cause in Ireland, under great obligations; his very instructive and highly edifying public ministry was much prized by the congregations who had the privilege of attending it.

We were again cheered by the presence, guided by the sound discretion, and blessed by the powerful and impressive ministry of our dearly beloved and highly valued friend, Dr. Newton: we welcomed with joy the visit of those distinguished servants of Christ, and we regard their presence among us as an expression of the deep interest the British Conference takes in Wesleyan Methodism in Ireland.

We were much disappointed at the absence of our long tried and faithful friend, Dr. Bunting, to whom we feel we owe a heavy debt of gratitude. Unite with us in earnest prayer to God that he may be long spared to be a blessing to the world, and to that section of the Church, of which for many years he has been a distinguished ornament.

Three of our brethren who had laboured with acceptance for the long period of forty years, now retire from the active work. We mourn the loss by death in the last year of four of our brethren; one of whom in very advanced age finished his earthly course in the faith and hope of the gospel; another in early life, an amiable and pious young man, was removed from the Church below to join the Church above: but we cannot pass over in silence the names of William Richey and William Starkey, men who steadily pursued a course of active, self-denying and successful toil; their divine Master has released them from their labours on earth, but their spirits are now before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His temple; though dead, they yet address the living, and reiterate with solemn emphasis the admonition of the Son of God, "Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not." But while the Lord Jesus quenches in death the lights of our sanc-

tuary, He still continues to supply suitable agents for conducting our operations in this kingdom. Eight young men who had passed with satisfaction the previous examinations required by our rules were received on trial by the Conference; and four who had fulfilled their period of probation, were solemnly set apart to the work of the ministry, in the presence of a crowded and deeply impressed congregation. We will not soon forget the admirable charge delivered by the President on that interesting occasion.

We are compelled to state with deep regret that this year also presents a considerable decrease in the number of our Societies: this sad defalcation may be accounted for in some degree by the desire for emigration which so extensively prevails in our unsettled and distracted land, by which each successive year we are deprived of hundreds of our spiritual children, of many of our active leaders, and useful official characters, and by which doors of usefulness which God in His providence had opened for us, have been closed against us. Our decrease may be attributed also to the spirit of agitation which has so greatly disturbed the state of our country especially in the last year, which has produced in some districts a feeling of insecurity with regard to life and property, and which has tended to create and foster a spirit of party strife and political faction, which is most unfriendly to the existence and progress of religion. We have felt that such a state of things calls for the deepest humiliation before God on our part, and on yours also, and should lead to a searching scrutiny as to the causes of the diminution of our numbers; suffer us, then, with more than common earnestness, to press upon you the duties which, at the present time, seem specially to devolve upon you as members of the Wesleyan Methodist Society.

The design of God in raising us up in Ireland was not merely to secure an existence as a religious community, but to evangelize and regenerate the whole land; but this end cannot be effected without deep and exemplary piety. Never was there a period in our existence as a people when a more than ordinary devotedness to God, ardent zeal for his glory, and a pure and self-denying patriotism *was* required than the present.

Our fathers in this Ministry preached the knowledge of salvation by the remission of sins; they offered in the name of the Lord Jesus a conscious pardon to every penitent sinner, and God gave testimony to the word of his grace; multitudes in every place were raised up as living witnesses of the truth of their doctrine, and of the validity of their commission to preach the glorious gospel of the grace of God: the direct and abiding witness of the Holy Spirit, as the privilege of all who believe with the heart unto righteousness, has always been held as a valuable truth in Wesleyan theology; but it is not enough to be sound in doctrine, you should guard against being defective in religious experience. Have you then received the spirit of adoption? We fear that there can be found some who are enrolled as members of our Society who are strangers to the gospel hope—the sense of sin forgiven. We entreat all such not to remain destitute of the knowledge of their adoption into the heavenly family, as there can be no settled peace, no abiding joy, no well-grounded hope of eternal life without pardon, and a renewal of our nature in righteousness and true holiness; for our blessed Saviour, who will judge the quick and dead at the time of his appearing, has declared, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

But we rejoice to know that to many of our beloved people it may be said in truth, "Our gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." When you think of that happy day when light from heaven shone upon your spirit, when you became entitled to the high honour and distinguished privileges of children of God, you may exclaim with adoring gratitude: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!" But forget not the higher the privilege, the deeper the obligation: "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children." "Do all things without murmurings and disputings; that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life, that we may

rejoice, in the day of Christ, that we have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."

That you may "hold fast that whereunto you have attained," "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Be not satisfied with low attainments in religion, but aspire with increasing desire "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ;" press onward to the attainment of that state of matured piety which is held out to you in the commands and promises of Holy Scripture, as your glorious privilege in Christ Jesus. Seek not to lower the high standard of Christian holiness to your experience, but, through faith in the blood of Christ, aim at having your experience elevated to that high standard; let the prayer offered up by the Apostle for the Thessalonian Church be answered in you: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Remember for your encouragement: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." The doctrine of entire sanctification has been committed to us specially, but it is impossible, with a conviction of its truth, to remain destitute of its enjoyment, without grieving God, and sustaining spiritual damage.

We would exhort you to a diligent use of all the means of grace; value the public ministry of God's word; let your attendance in the sanctuary of God's house be frequent. It is to be feared that matters are often allowed to detain persons from the house of the Lord, which would not be suffered to interfere with their worldly business and engagements; but let the claims of God be with you always the first and paramount concern, and the world be ever regarded as secondary and subordinate. Neglect not the week evening services; cultivate such love to God, to his house and ordinances, as will lead you to devote to the public worship of the Most High, a portion of that time which might be given to business, to pleasure, or to self-indulgence.

Be distinguished by a punctual attendance upon religious ordinances; be in your place at the house of God a few moments before the service commences, which will

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children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture
admonition of the Lord." Early dedicate them to
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you there, in his presence and of his people, take
yourselves, faithfully observe. To parents is prin-
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capable of winning the attention, and of impressing the heart of even a child. Early, then, by earnest prayer and holy instruction, bring them to the Lord Jesus, who, in the days of his flesh, and who still from his throne in heaven, says, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." Recommend and enforce all by the comment of a holy life, and ever keep in view the end of all your pains and labours, even the conversion of your children. Let all your plans and arrangements respecting them have a distinct reference to their personal piety and usefulness, and, when they leave the paternal roof, let it be your care that they be placed in circumstances friendly to piety. In connection with this subject, we would beg to recommend to your use the excellent Wesleyan catechisms; these valuable summaries of Scriptural truth will afford you very efficient aid in the religious instruction of children.

We ourselves feel much impressed with our obligations to the children of our people, and to those young persons who attend our ministry. To many of them we stand in a most interesting and responsible position, having dedicated them to God by baptism, and, regarding the young as forming the future hope and promise of the Church, we resolve to devote ourselves with greater diligence to this important branch of ministerial and pastoral duty.

The present is a season when as Wesleyans, and as Christians, we should be distinguished by a most devoted loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign, the Queen; when we should submit with a most willing obedience to the powers that be, and when we should highly prize the blessings of that noble and unrivalled constitution, under which it is our privilege to live.

Beloved brethren, in those critical times we should give ourselves with no common ardour to prayer: religion inculcates and produces a spirit of the most noble patriotism; that is true patriotism which consults especially for the moral good and spiritual improvement of our countrymen; he is inspired with the genuine love of country, who, in the retirement of the closet, wrestles *with* God in mighty prayer that the darkness of anti-

christian error may pass away, and that the light of Gospel truth might shine in every part of our land: pray earnestly that the God of providence and of grace may open wide and effectual doors, by which the heralds of salvation may enter in, and proclaim to every inhabitant of our country, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." We praise God that in the past year we have had, on some of our circuits, gracious tokens of the divine presence and blessing, the preaching of the word has been accompanied with the power of the Holy Ghost, and sinners have been turned "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God;" we feel persuaded that the faithful preaching of the Gospel by men who have themselves experienced its power in their hearts, is the grand and only remedy for the ills and sufferings of our country and of the world: let the spiritual prosperity of our native land be promoted, and then its temporal prosperity will follow as a natural result.

Evince by hallowed effort in public the sincerity of your prayers in private: recommend religion to all around by a deportment framed in every particular according to the word of God; consistency of conduct is a most effectual way to promote the interests of the Saviour's kingdom; but remember that religion is aggressive in its character and operations, and that every individual member of the Church of Christ is bound, by considerations the most solemn, to wage war against the kingdom of darkness: when the love of Christ constrains the heart, it will never fail to excite a yearning pity for the perishing souls of men; we would call upon every member of our Societies to do something for God, if you be only willing to be the Lord's servants, He will find you a field to labour: we live in a land where God is dishonoured, where our blessed Saviour is insulted and rejected, where profligacy, practical infidelity, a neglect of sacred and eternal things prevail in every direction, where the progress of pure and undefiled religion is opposed, where its interests receive a deep and treacherous wound from the inconsistency, the worldly-mindedness, the inactivity and sluggishness of its professed friends: if you have tasted that the Lord is gracious, if the value of eternal realities was ever taught

you by the Divine Spirit—let each one exert the whole weight of his influence, of his example, of powerful and well-directed effort, in the cause of Christ, and for the salvation of immortal souls. "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

We greatly admire the liberality with which you support the various funds of our Connexion; but knowing that you are anxious to extend and perpetuate Wesleyan Methodism in Ireland, and that our cause is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, we would submit to your special consideration the importance of our Yearly Collection, as a principal means for supporting our cause, and for widening the circle of our operations in our native land; and we would also direct your attention to that rule of original Methodism established from its very rise by the venerable founder of our Societies—"that, except in case of extreme poverty, every member of our Societies would contribute at least one penny a-week, and one shilling a quarter," this is the most simple and permanent source of Methodistic income, and which, if universally acted on, would place at the disposal of the Stewards, ample Circuit funds.

We are now about to separate, and to repair to our respective scenes of labour; we know not what even a day, much less a year, may bring forth, but we give ourselves afresh to God, and to Methodism as a most important and effective instrumentality in promoting the kingdom of Christ. In the spirit which prevailed at this Conference, in the manifestations of the Divine presence and blessing with which we were favoured in our different sittings and at the public services, we were convinced that God was amongst us of a truth; and in nothing terrified by our adversaries, or depressed by our discouragements, we now thank God and take courage. We consecrate ourselves, our talents, our energies to the service of our divine Master,—

Jesus, thine own at last receive,
Fulfil our hearts desire,
And let us to thy glory live,
And in thy cause expire.

Our souls and bodies we resign,
With joy we render thee
Our all, no longers ours
But thine, to all eternity.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Secretary.*

Dublin, June 30, 1848.

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

THE WESLEYAN MINISTERS,

AND

PREACHERS ON TRIAL, IN IRELAND.

☞ The figures before the names show the year in which each commenced his Itinerant Ministry, and those after, the number of successive annual appointments he has had to his present Circuit.

		Yrs.
1834	Appelbe, William P., Dublin South	2
1816	Armstrong, J., Brookborough	3
1805	Armstrong, William, *Super.* Lisburn.	
1838	Atkins, John H., Castlebar	3
1841	Bagley, J., Tandragee,	1
1847	Baker, Thomas W., Skibbereen	1
1818	Ballard, Thomas, Donaghadee	1
1831	Bamford, Robt., Newtownbarry	1
1834	Banks, Edward M., Youghal	1
1792	Banks, Robert, *Super.* Carlow.	
1846	Bass, James, Clones	1
1832	Bayly, Benj., Moira,&c.	2
1845	Beale, H. M. Kilkenny,	1
1833	Beamish, Thos. *Super.* Dublin, South.	
1824	Beauchamp, Robert, Lurgan	2
1842	Bell, Robt., Enniskillen,	1
1848	Best, Edward, Castleblaney, &c	1
1837	Black, James, Lowtherstown	3
1836	Black, Robert, Ballymena	2
1839	Boyd, John H. Manorhamilton	1
1839	Browne, Wm. Castleblaney, &c	1
1810	Bruce, Robert, Roscrea.	2
1830	Burnside, William, Athlone	1
1809	Burrows, George, Tandragee	1
1805	Burrows, M., *Super.*, Drogheda.	
1844	Butler, Wm. Newry	1
1812	Campbell, John, *Super.* Belfast, South.	
1831	Campbell, Wm. G. Tullamoore	3
1845	Campbell, R., Ballina	2
1848	Carey, James, Cavan	1
1810	Carey, John, Londonderry	3
1808	Carson, Robert, *Super.* Omagh.	
1841	Cather, R.G. Drogheda,	3
1829	Cather, Wm. Drogheda,	1
1848	Chambers, G. Portadown,	1

Yrs.		Yrs.	
6	Clendinnen, J. *Super.* Bideford, England.	1810	Hannan, J. *Sup.* Cork.
0	Cobain, Edward, Carrickfergus.....	2	1828 Harper, Edward, Newtownlimavaddy.....
3	Collier, Jas. Lowthers-town.....	1	1826 Harrington, J. *Super.* Killaloe.
2	Cowdy, Samuel, Boyle,	1	1809 Hazelton, E. *Super.* Dungannon.
4	Cornwall, Wm. Tuam..	3	1845 Hazelton, J. Strabane, 1
4	Crook, W. Maryborough,	3	1841 Henderson, A. M. Belfast, North.....
8	Crook, W. jun. Maryborough.....	1	1826 Henry, James, Galway, 2
3	Crozier, Robert, *Super.* Enniskillen.		1838 Hewitt, R. Ballyclare, 1
9	Deery, Henry, *Super.* Dublin, North.		1835 Hickey, Thos. Limerick, 3
0	Devers, R. A. Moira, &c.	1	1842 Higgins, J. Donaghadee, 1
7	Donald, James, Rathmelton.....	2	1815 Hill, John, Tullamoore, 3
8	Donald, John, Cloughjordan.....	2	1822 Hobart, N. Manorhamilton.....
6	Douglas, Wm. *Super.* Lowtherstown.		1831 Hoey, W. 1st, Lisburn, 2
8	Downing, S. Clones....	1	1840 Hoey, W. 2d, Dungannon, 1
0	Duncan, John, Bandon,	3	1820 Holmes, John, Carlow, 2
8	Dwyer, J. Dungannon,	1	1830 Hughes, Jas. Aughnacloy, 1
3	Elliott, Fredk. Kinsale,	1	1835 Hughes, John, Tralee, 1
1	Feely, John, Lucan, &c.	2	1840 Huston, A. *Sup.* Strabane.
6	Ferguson, S. Tipperary,	1	1829 Huston, R. Enniskillen, 2
0	Ferguson, Wm. *Super.* Dublin, South.		1845 Hutcheson, J. Coleraine, 2
8	Ffrench, Patrick, *Sup.* Drogheda.		1806 Irvine, John C. *Super.* Ballyshannon.
0	Finlay, William, *Super.* Strabane.		1815 Jebb, John, Killesandra, 1
3	Foster, J. Magherafelt,	2	1809 Johnston, E. 1st, *Sup.* Belfast, North.
3	Foster, Thos. Donegal,	1	1845 Johnston, E. 2d, Cootehill.....
8	Foote, William, *Super.* Tandragee.		1808 Johnston, Jas. *Super.* Belfast, South.
2	Geddes, H. Killaloe.....	2	1846 Johnston, J. Magherafelt, 1
0	Gilbert, John, Dingle,	1	1847 Johnston, Saml. Lucan, 1
4	Giles, H. J. Wexford,	2	1840 Jones, R. G. Waterford, 1
3	Gillman, J. B. *Sup.* Cork.		1847 Kernahan, J. Castlebar, 1
6	Grant, C. L. Brookborough.....	1	1846 Keys, James, Wexford, 2
6	Greer, John, Bandon...	2	1806 Keys, W. *Sup.* Longford.
1	Guard, Wm. Donegal...	2	1806 Kyle, S. *Super.* Ballyshannon.
6	Hamilton, R. Wicklow,	1	1794 Lanktree, M. *Super.* Belfast, South.
			1844 Lebert, Wm. B. Ballyshannon.....
			1825 Le Maitre, F. P. Cork, 2

		Yrs.
1834	Liddy, John, Fermoy,	2
1827	Lindsay, R. H. Strabane,	1
1846	Long, M. Downpatrick,	1
1844	Lough, Wm. Wicklow,	1
1801	Lougheed, T. *Super.* Tullamoore.	
1828	Lupton, William, Sligo,	2
1808	Lynch, J. *Sup.* Leeds.	
1827	M'Afee, D. Belfast N.	3
1845	M'Clintock, J. Omagh,	1
1807	M'Cormick, C. *Super.* Dublin, South.	
1802	M'Cutcheon, Jas. *Sup.* Omagh.	
1808	M'Dowell, S. *Super.* Donaghadee.	
1801	M'Elwain, Geo. *Sup.* Kingstown.	
1836	M'Garvey, Wm. Downpatrick.....	1
1848	M'Kay, C. Londonderry,	1
1840	M'Kay, J. W. Coleraine,	2
1845	M'Lorinan, T. Belmullet,	1
1838	M'Millen, G. Dublin, S.	3
1841	M'Mullen, W. Cootehill,	1
1847	Magee, Geo. Armagh,	1
1812	Masaroon, R. Kingstown,	1
1818	Mathews, J. F. Waterford,	2
1846	Maxwell, R. Carlow....	2
1828	Meredith, T. Armagh..	2
1837	Meyer, R. J. Longford,	2
1835	Moore, H. Lurgan.....	1
1844	Morrow, F. Berehaven,	1
1829	Mulloy, Wm. Longford,	1
1790	Murdock, Arch. *Super.* Dungannon.	
1833	Murdock, Jas. Ballina,	3
1824	Nash, John, Portadown,	2
1809	Nelson, John, Limerick,	3
1801	Nesbitt, John, *Super.* Enniskillen.	
1810	Noble, A. *Sup.* Omagh.	
1841	Oliver, J. Ballyshannon,	2
1824	Patterson, J. Skibbereen,	2
1808	Pratt, J. C. *Super.* Wexford.	
1823	Price, Henry, Cork.....	1
1810	Reilly, Wm. Dublin, N.	2
1789	Ridgeway, Thos. *Sup.* Belfast, North.	
1848	Robinson, John H. Killesandra.....	1
1803	Rogers, J. *Sup.* Cloughjordan.	
1802	Rutledge, J. *Super.* Wexford,	
1826	Saul, John, Cove.....	3
1835	Scott, R. Dublin, South.	
1814	Stephens, Francis, Kilrush.....	1
1845	Stephens, Frederick, Dublin, North.....	1
1800	Stewart, W. Dublin, S.	2
1843	Storey, J. C. Omagh,	1
1824	Sullivan, J. Ballinasloe,	3
1829	Tobias, J. Carrickfergus,	2
1817	Tracy, R. T. Newry...	2
1845	Twiss, A. Sligo	1
1835	Vance, G. Dublin, N ..	1
1836	Wallace, R. Belfast S.	1
1838	Walker, J. Kilkenny..	1
1840	Waugh, Jas. S. Roscrea,	1
1808	Waugh, John, *Super.* Dublin, South.	
1808	Waugh, Thos. Bandon,	3
1837	Whitaker, T. K. Lisburn,	1
1832	Wilson, Jer. Cavan.....	2
1828	Williams, J. Belfast S,	1

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MINUTES

OF

SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN

The Methodist Preachers

IN THE CONNEXION ESTABLISHED BY

HE LATE REV. JOHN WESLEY, A.M.,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

GUN IN CORK, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1849.

DUBLIN:

ITED BY THOMAS I. WHITE, 45, FLEET-STREET.

1849.

MINUTES.

QUESTION I.

· admitted as Ministers into *full connexion* with
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ANSWER.

ızelton, who has travelled five years.

M'Lorinan,	Alexander Twiss,
k Stephens,	James M'Clintock,
Johnston, 2nd.	James Hutchison,
Henry Campbell,	Henry M. Beale, A.B.

Preachers *remain on trial?*

el Ferguson,	James Bass,
s Keys,	Mortlock Long,
h Johnston,	Charles Lynn Grant;
rd Maxwell,	

These have travelled *three years.*

s Kernahan,	Samuel Johnston,
ge Magee,	Thomas William Baker;

These have travelled *two years.*

am Crook, jun.	John Hiram Robinson,
Dwyer,	James Carey,
rd Best,	Colin M'Kay,
ge Chambers,	William Christie.

These have travelled *one year.*

Preachers are now *received on trial?*
Johnston, James Shaw, James Lindsay.

awakened to apprehend his condition as a sinner, for and obtained redemption in the blood of Chri forgiveness of sins. He entered the army in 179 in that situation was enabled so to honour God made the instrument of great good to many of his diers. Having left the army and returned to his r he gave such evidence of having received a divin ministry of the word by his piety, talents, and use after the usual examinations he was appointed in 1802, and from thence till the end of life contin cise a successful ministry in our Connexion.

In 1840, from the pressure of infirmities atter age, he had to retire from the work in which his so and became a Supernumerary, choosing Clones instance, for the place of his residence.

He was a man of strong understanding, great pr unmoveable fidelity. His natural temperament but so subdued by the influence of Divine grace as fested only by the ardour of his friendship, and zeal for the salvation of immortal souls. His k the doctrines and discipline of Methodism was cor and accurate, and he was strictly Wesleyan in h His sermons were plain, instructive and scriptural rally rendered deeply impressive by his manner appearance in the pulpit. He was a lover of peac

(2.) ARCHIBALD MURDOCK, in the eighty-second year of his age, and fifty-ninth of his ministry. He was born near Forkhill in the County of Armagh. From a child he knew the holy Scriptures, and such deep impressions were made on his mind while reading therein, when about seven years of age, that he was led to retire into the fields, where, weeping aloud, he sought and found mercy by faith in Christ. Soon after receiving the knowledge of salvation by the remission of sins, he joined the Methodist Society, and so great was his love for Class-meeting that he frequently travelled eight miles on the Sabbath morning to enjoy the opportunities that institution affords for the promotion of personal piety. His ardent desire for the salvation of others led him early to recommend Christ to all around, and having been called, according to our discipline, to engage in the work of the ministry, whether in this country or in the West Indies, where he laboured successfully for six years, he knew "nothing amongst men save Christ and Him crucified." He became a Supernumerary in 1835, and during his residence in Longford, Ferbane and Dungannon as such, he continued to preach, to meet classes, and to hold prayer-meetings until his strength utterly failed. The consistency of his deportment made manifest the truth of his religious profession, and led many to say, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile."

He was a man of deep piety, and of great faithfulness in the discharge of the various duties of his station; his mind was vigorous and acute, and habitually rising early, he diligently improved its powers by reading and study. He was well acquainted with his Bible, and his sermons were distinguished by clear and impressive views of evangelical truth, well calculated to enlighten the understandings and affect the hearts of his hearers. He was esteemed and beloved by his brethren in the ministry for the soundness of his judgment, the steadiness of his friendship, and the constancy of his attachment to our doctrines and discipline, which he was well prepared to defend when necessary. His last hours were eminently peaceful. After having partaken of the Lord's Supper with manifest delight, he prayed most fervently for the universal Church of Christ, and for the conversion of the whole world, and straightway fell asleep without a sigh on the 3rd of October, 1848.

Q. 5. Are there any objections to any of our Ministers, or Preachers on trial?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How shall our Ministers, and Preachers on trial, be stationed for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz.—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin South, Centenary Chapel, &c.* William Stewart, Daniel M'Afee, William P. Appelbe, LL.D., James S. Waugh; Robinson Scott, Governor and Chaplain of the Wesleyan Connexional School; William Ferguson, John Waugh, and Thomas Beamish, *Supernumeraries.*

2 *Dublin North, Abbey-street Chapel, &c.* William Reilly, George Vance, Frederick Stephens; Henry Deery, Michael Burrows, and Arthur Noble, *Supernumeraries.*

3 *Kingstown,* Robert Masaroon; George M'Elwain, *Sup.*

N.B.—Brother Masaroon shall change once in the three weeks with the Preachers of the Dublin North Circuit.

4 *Drogheda,* William Cather, John Carey; Patrick Ffrench, *Supernumerary.*

5 *Wicklow,* Robert Hamilton, Henry M. Beale, A.B.

N.B.—Letters to be directed to Rathdrum.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6 *Waterford,* John F. Mathews, Robert G. Jones.

7 *Carlow,* John Holmes, Richard Maxwell; Robert Banks, William Foote, *Supernumeraries.*

8 *Newtownbarry,* Robert Bamford, Ed. Johnston, 2nd.

9 *Wexford,* Henry J. Giles, George Chambers.

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

10 *Cork,* Henry Price, Frederick P. Le Maitre—Thomas Waugh; Joshua Harman, *Supernumerary.*

Cove, James B. Gillman, *Supernumerary.*

Bandon, John Greer, James Hutchison.
Skibbereen, James Patterson, Mortlock Long.
Tralee, John Hughes.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

Limerick, Thomas Meredith, John Donald.
Roscrea, Robert Bruce, William Crook, jun.
Ploughjordan, James Murdock; John Rogers, *Sup.*
N.B—Letters for Brother Murdock to be directed to Borrisokane.

ROBERT BRUCE, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

Tullamoore, William Crook, John Saul; Thomas Lougheed, *Supernumerary.*
Athlone, William Burnside.
Maryborough, John Nelson, Thomas K. Whitaker.
Longford, William Mulloy, Robert J. Meyer; William Keys, *Supernumerary.*

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

Sligo, James Tobias, John Duncan.
Castlebar, John Hill, James Kernahan.
Ballina, John H. Atkins, James Bass; Charles M'Cormick, *Supernumerary.*
Boyle, John Bagley.

JOHN HILL, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

Clones, James Black, John H. Robinson.
Cootehill, Wallace M'Mullen, William Christie.
Killesandra, Nathaniel Hobart, James M'Clintock.
Castleblaney and Monaghan, William Browne, Joseph Johnston.
Aughnacloy, James Hughes.

JAMES HUGHES, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

30 *Enniskillen*, Robert Huston, Robert Bell; Robert Crozier, John Nesbitt, *Supernumeraries.*
31 *Brookborough*, Samuel Cowdy, Charles L. Grant.
32 *Manorhamilton*, John Jebb, James Carey.
33 *Lowtherstown*, William G. Campbell Edward Best.
34 *Ballyshannon and Pettigo*, John Oliver, James Lindsay; Samuel Kyle, John C. Irvine, *Supernumeraries.*

ROBERT HUSTON, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

35 *Londonderry*, Gibson M'Millen, Samuel Ferguson.
36 *Strabane*, Robert H. Lindsay, Robert Johnston; William Finlay, Andrew Huston, *Supernum.*
37 *Omagh*, John C. Storey, Colin M'Kay; James M'Cutcheon, Robert Carson, *Supernumeraries.*

ROBERT HILL LINDSAY, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

38 *Belfast South, Donegal Square Chapel, &c.*, John Williams, Robert Wallace; Matthew Lanktree, James Johnston, Edward Johnston, 1st., John Campbell, *Supernumeraries.*
39 *Belfast North, Frederick street Chapel, &c.*, William Lupton, Anketell M. Henderson; Thomas Ridgeway, Samuel Downing, *Supernumeraries.*
40 *Ballyclare*, Robert Hewitt.
41 *Donaghadee*, John Armstrong, John Higgins, who is to reside in Newtownards; Samuel M'Dowell, *Supernumerary*, who is to reside in Kirkcubbin.
42 *Carrickfergus*, John Nash, Robert Beauchamp, who is to reside in Carrickfergus; Edward Cobain, *Supernumerary*, who is to reside in Larne.
43 *Coleraine*, Joseph W. M'Kay, William Lough.
44 *Magherafelt*, John Foster, John Gilbert.
45 *Lisburn*, William Hoey, 1st, James Shaw; William Armstrong, *Supernumerary.*
46 *Downpatrick*, William M'Garvey, John Hazelton.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Chairman of *the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

47 *Newry*, Edward Harpur, John H. Boyd.
48 *Dungannon*, William Hoey, 2nd. John Dwyer; Edward Hazelton, who resides in Moy, *Supernum.*
49 *Armagh*, Richard T. Tracy, Alexander Twiss.
50 *Lurgan*, Hugh Moore, Robert G. Cather, A. M.
51 *Moira & Dromore*, Benjamin Bayly, who resides in Moira, Robert A. Devers.
52 *Tandragee*, George Burrows, William Butler.
53 *Portadown*, Thomas Ballard, James Collier.

RICHARD T. TRACY, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

IN THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Lucan & Trim*, John Feely, Samuel Johnston.

IN THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

2 *Kilkenny*, John Walker, James Keys.
3 *Tipperary*, Francis Morrow.

IN THE CORK DISTRICT.

4 *Youghal*, Edward M. Banks.
5 *Fermoy*, John Liddy; John Harrington, who is to reside in Mallow, *Supernumerary.*
6 *Kinsale*, Frederick Elliott.
7 *Berehaven Mines*, Thomas M'Lorinan.
8 *Dingle*, George Magee.

IN THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

9 *Balinasloe*, Thomas Hickey; William Cornwall who is to reside in Tuam), *Supernumerary.*
10 *Nenagh and Killaloe*, James Sullivan, Henry Geddes.
11 *Kilrush*, Francis Stephens.
12 *Galway*, James Henry.

IN THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

13 *Belmullet & Eris*, Robert H. Campbell.

IN THE CLONES DISTRICT.

14 *Cavan*, Thomas Foster, Thomas W. Baker.

IN THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

15 *Donegal*, William Guard, William B. Lebert.

IN THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

16 *Rathmelton*, James Donald.
17 *Newtownlimavady*, Jeremiah Wilson.

IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

18 *Ballymena*, Robert Black.

Q. 7. What is the Number of Members in our Societies?

A. Twenty-two thousand, two hundred and twenty-one.

The Emigrations from our Society during the past year have amounted to One thousand one hundred and sixty-five.

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Seven Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Eight Pence; and Twenty-four Pounds, Three Shillings and Seven Pence.

Q. 9. What is the judgment of the Conference as to the Yearly Collection?

A. It is expected that, according to our established Rule, this Fund shall at least be equal in each case to the preceding year; and that every reduction be considered a deficiency in the Circuit where it may occur. The Conference earnestly recommends the adoption of all prudent and practicable means by our ministers and friends for the purpose of sustaining and increasing that important fund, on the success of which so much depends in upholding and carrying forward the sacred work in which we are all so deeply interested and engaged.

Q. 10. What is the amount of the Collection towards the Education of the Preachers' Children?

A. Three Hundred and Fifty-seven Pounds, One Shilling, and Eleven Pence.

Q. 11. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Twelve Shillings, and *Ten Pence.*

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Chapel Fund Collection?

A. Three Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds, Sixteen Shillings.

When the Chapel Fund was first instituted, it was hoped that the Public Collections, together with the Subscriptions in the Classes, would amount to a sum equal, on the average, to One Penny per Month, for every member in Society; but from a comparison of the number of members with the annual amount of income, it obviously appears that it has fallen far short of this reasonable expectation; for whilst a few of the Circuits, by a gradual improvement, have met, or nearly met, their full proportion, most of them have done comparatively little, notwithstanding their exemption from applications for the Building or relief of Chapels, beyond the limits of their own Circuits. It is therefore recommended, that in future no Circuit shall be exempted from such applications, unless it raise annually, at least, one half the sum required by the original Rule of the Institution. Even such an increase would greatly augment the good designed to be effected by means of the Chapel Fund.

☞ To this notification the Conference earnestly requests particular attention.

Q. 13. What is the amount of the Missionary Collection?

A. Four Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Eleven Pence.

Q. 14. How many Wives and Children are to be provided for this year; and what is the amount expected from the Circuits to assist in providing the increased allowance to the Superannuated Preachers and Widows?

A. Seventy Wives, one hundred and forty-four Children for Maintenance, and sixty-one Children for Education; and Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds, Ten Shillings, for the Superannuated Preachers and the Widows.

Q. 15. How are the sums necessary for these purposes to be made up?

A. By the several districts in the following proportions, aided from the Contingent Fund* by the sums annexed:—

* The sum of One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds is the amount of the Contingent Fund, which it is estimated will be disposable at the Conference of 1850, which has been divided among the Districts according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting the demands upon them, which arrangement shall be final *for the year.*

DISTRICTS.	Number in Society.	Amount for the support of Wives, Maintenance and Education of Children, &c.			Grants from the Contingent Fund.
		£	s.	d.	£
1 Dublin	2032	258	4	8	139
2 Waterford.....	939	119	6	7½	132
3 Cork	1173	149	1	4½	79
4 Limerick.....	586	74	9	5	54
5 Tullamoore.....	755	95	18	11½	99
6 Sligo	836	106	4	10	95
7 Clones.....	1573	199	18	0½	199
8 Enniskillen.....	3654	464	7	3	329
9 Londonderry....	1355	172	3	11½	149
10 Belfast.....	3684	468	3	6	314
11 Newry.....	3243	412	2	7½	261
	19830*	£2520	1	3	£1850

The sum of £39 17s. will be expected from 2391 members on the Mission Stations, being their proportion towards the arrangement for the Superannuated Preachers and the Widows.

N.B.—If any Circuit return a deficiency of its proportion of the above applotment, the amount of such deficiency shall be deducted from the portion of the Contingent Fund, which shall, the following year, be allotted to the District in which such Circuit is situate.

Q. 16. What is the decision of the Conference respecting the general improvement of our Circuit Finances?

A. 1st. That we are duly sensible of the kindness and sympathy of the friends who have directed their attention and energies to this subject.

2nd. That we have heard with much satisfaction of the efforts made on some Circuits to improve the circumstances of the Preachers and their Families, by increased attention to our established Collections.

3rd. That the Conference recommends, in order to attain an object so desirable, that the Superintendents and their colleagues, with the affectionate co-operation of the Stewards

* The above is the number of members in the regular Circuits, exclusive of the Missionary Stations. By an arrangement made during the Conference, the following are the numbers in Society in the undernamed Circuits and Missions:—Cork, 390; Cove, 50; Boyle, 146; Roscrea, 166; Cloughjordan, 180; Maryborough, 236; Lisburn, 358; Moira and Dromore, 510; Ballinasloe, 86; and Killaloe, 98.

and Leaders, shall prudently and legitimately employ such means as may improve the local income of their respective Circuits.

4th. That the Chairmen of Districts, at the May District Meetings, make inquiry what has been done on each Circuit, which shall be reported at the Conference.

Q. 17. Who are the Building Committee, without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no Chapel or Preacher's dwelling, whether large or small, is to be erected, altered, purchased, or enlarged, during the year?

A. William Stewart, William Ferguson, *Secretary*, James S. Waugh, *Assistant Secretary*, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, with Messrs. D. F. Foulkes, Arthur Jones, and Isaac Farrell.

Letters to be directed to the Rev. William Ferguson, 35, Camden Street, Dublin.

N. B.—Although the Conference is desirous of encouraging every prudent effort to provide suitable Chapel accommodation, and dwellings for the families of the Preachers, nevertheless, in order to prevent a recurrence of the embarrassments arising from Building speculations, every Superintendent is solemnly charged to see that the directions contained in the preceding Minute be strictly attended to; and if he suffer an expenditure on his Circuit of more than £20 on any single building, for any of the above purposes, or any additional outlay beyond the original contract, without the explicit sanction of the Building Committee previously obtained in writing; for such neglect of official duty, he shall forfeit at least two years of the time he has travelled in the Connexion, and be deemed incompetent for the office of Superintendent.

Q. 18. Who are the Committee appointed as Trustees for Testamentary or other Deeds, relating to Donations, for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion?

A. William Ferguson, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, John F. Mathews, William Crook, Robert Bruce, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, and Henry Price, the receipt of any one or more of whom shall be sufficient for any bequest.

Q. 19. Who are the Missionary Committee?

A. William Stewart, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John Carey, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, John Greer, and Daniel M'Afee; together with the

following thirteen gentlemen—Abraham Briscoe, and Digby F. Foulkes, of Dublin; Joseph Higgins, of Clonmel; Henry Banks, of Carlow; William Morgan, of Cork; Henry Belcher, of Bandon; John Busteed, of Tralee; Joseph Leech, of Roscrea; William Kelly, of Maryborough; William M'Arthur, of Londonderry; William Barlow, of Belfast; Thomas A. Shillington, of Portadown, and James M. Lynn, M.D., of Market-hill.

N.B.—The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the moneys raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer, the first week in December, March, and June; also the yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 20. Who shall compose the District Missionary Deputations for the ensuing year?

A. *Dublin*.....Daniel M'Afee, Frederick Stephens.
Waterford.....John F. Mathews, John Holmes.
Cork.....Fred. P. Lemaitre, John Greer.
Limerick.....Thomas Meredith, James Murdock.
Tullamoore.....John Nelson, John Saul.
Sligo.....James Tobias, John H. Atkins.
Clones.....James Hughes, James M'Clintock.
Enniskillen.....William G. Campbell, John Oliver.
Londonderry.....Gibson M'Millen, Colin M'Kay.
Belfast.....John Armstrong, William Lupton.
Newry.....Richard T. Tracy, Robert A. Devers.

Q. 21. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John Carey, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, James Sullivan; William Crook, and Abraham Briscoe, Esq. of Dublin, Treasurers; John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee; William Ferguson, Secretary to the Building Committee; together with eleven brethren, not being Ministers, one from each District.

Q. 22. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our Connexional Funds?

A. 1. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, Henry Price, Secretary, and John Saul, Assistant Secretary of the Contingent Fund.

2. William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masaroon, Secre-

tary, and William Cather, Assistant Secretary of the Worn-out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Auxiliary Fund, and of the Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society, commonly called the Legalized Fund.

3. William Crook and Abraham Briscoe, Esq., of Dublin, Treasurers; and John Nelson, Secretary of the Chapel Fund.

4. Walter Oke Croggon, 28, Lower Gloucester-street, Dublin, General Treasurer of the Missionary Fund.

Q. 23. Who are the Committee appointed to review the concerns of the Wesleyan Connexional School in Dublin, at the ensuing Conference?

A. William Crook, John Nelson, Robert Bruce, John Carey, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, Robert H. Lindsay, Thomas Meredith, William Lupton, James Tobias, William Cather, James Hughes, and Richard T. Tracy, together with the following gentlemen:—Digby F. Foulkes, John Barrett, Henry Webster, John Parker, Theodore Cronhelm, of Dublin; George Studdart, of Roscrea; Henry Shillington, of Aghagallon, Lisburn; William J. Paul, of Portadown; with the Trustees, who are ex-officio members.

Q. 24. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting any proposed alterations in our laws and usages?

A. We recur to the Minute of 1795 on this subject, "That no such change shall be made, unless first proposed and agreed to in full Conference."

Q. 25. What shall be done to prevent unauthorized persons, being, or claiming to be, connected with the Methodist Societies, from preaching in our Congregations?

A. The Conference directs the republication of the following extract from the Minutes of the year 1807: "No stranger, either from America or elsewhere, shall be suffered to preach in any of our places of worship, unless he come fully accredited; if an itinerant Preacher, by having his name entered on the Minutes of the Conference of which he is a member; and if a Local Preacher, by a recommendatory note from his Superindendent."

Q. 26. What does the Conference determine on the subject of Catechumen Classes?

A. 1. That we have heard with much satisfaction, that several Catechumen Classes have been formed on various Circuits in the past year.

2. That we recommend that increased efforts be made immediately on each Circuit to promote a work of so much acknowledged importance, and that Classes of Young Persons of Twelve years old and upwards be formed, for whose instruction the Preachers shall be responsible, they employing such agents as may be deemed necessary to co-operate with them.

3. We hope that a suitable agent may present himself to the Conference to be employed in visiting the Circuits for the purpose of promoting, in conjunction with the Ministers of each Circuit, the object of these resolutions.

Q. 27. What measures can we adopt for the increase of spiritual religion among our Societies and Congregations, and the extension of vital godliness throughout the land?

A. The Conference directs, that the extract found in our printed Minutes for 1821, chiefly copied from the British Minutes of the preceding year, and subsequently published in the Rules and Regulations for conducting our District Meetings, shall be read by the Chairman at the August District Meeting; and its several particulars then made the subject of solemn thought and devout conversation among the brethren, that the whole, so far as practicable, may be brought into actual operation.

N.B.—A copy of the Rules and Regulations, referred to above, shall be supplied to every Chairman in due time.

Q. 28. What shall be done to ensure a more correct and regular return of the number of Members in Society, and of the state of the several Circuits?

A. 1st. The printed Schedules shall be filled up in every class at the time of the renewal of Tickets, afterwards carefully examined at the Circuit Quarterly Meetings, and then transmitted by the Superintendents to the Chairmen of their respective Districts.

2d. Each Superintendent shall produce for consideration a complete plan of the preaching places on his Circuit, and their distances from each other, at the May District Meeting, that the whole may be brought under special review, at the meeting of the Committee of Chairmen, preparatory to the Conference.

Q. 29. What are the regulations of Conference respecting the members of Society removing from one Circuit to another?

A. 1st. When any of the members of our Society shall

remove from one Circuit to another, a certificate in each case shall be furnished to the person removing, sealed and directed to the Superintendent of the Circuit to which the party is about to remove. At the same time a note shall be sent to the Superintendent by post, informing him of the person so removing.

2nd. Each Superintendent shall be required to keep a list of the names of the persons leaving his Circuit, with an account of the places to which they remove, together with the date of each letter sent to the Superintendent; the list to be produced at the May District Meeting, and brought by the Chairman to the Conference.

Q. 30. How may the experience, counsel, and supervision of our Chairmen of Districts be rendered more available in cases of emergency?

A. The Conference unanimously adopts the Minute of the British Conference of 1844 on this subject, viz.:—Each Chairman is authorised to visit officially any Circuit in his District to which he shall be invited by the Superintendent; or respecting which, after consultation with the Superintendent, he shall be satisfied that his intervention may be serviceable to the preservation of peace and order, or to the faithful and judicious execution of our discipline, or administration of our economy.

Q. 31. What are the regulations of the Conference respecting young men on trial as Candidates for admission into full connexion with our body?

A. 1st. The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, all proposed as candidates for our Ministry, but also to return minutely in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings, after such examination, of their health, piety, moral character, ministerial abilities, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our discipline, and freedom from debt, as well as from all other secular incumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any candidate shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may be forthwith copied, if the Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into the book provided for that purpose.

2nd. The young men on trial shall each be required to

preach a Sermon every year, at their respective District Meetings, during the period of their probation; and the judgment of the District Meetings respecting those sermons shall be recorded in their Minutes.

3rd. The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every May District Meeting, examine every Preacher on trial respecting the course of theological reading which he has pursued throughout the preceding year. For this purpose every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District, a list of the books which he has read during the year. These lists shall be laid before the Meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving the junior Preachers such advices and directions, respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

4th. Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, *in addition to the other examinations* required by our existing Rules; and no Preacher shall be recommended unless the result of his examination be satisfactory to the Meeting.

N.B.—The closest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every Candidate for the Ministry amongst us; as no one can be received as a Preacher into our connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the Book of God. The attention of the Chairman is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of the District Meetings.

Q. 32. Who are the Representatives to the British Conference?

A. Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, and John Williams.

Q. 33. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. In the third week in August.

Q. 34. When shall the District Meetings preparatory to the ensuing Conference be held?

A. In the first, or, at the latest, in the second week in May.

Q. 35. When shall the Committees meet preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. As follows, viz.:—1. The Committee of Chairmen of

istricts, on Friday, the 21st of June, 1850, at Twelve clock, Noon. 2. The Chapel Fund Committee, on Saturday e 22nd of June, 1850, at Nine o'clock A.M. 3. The Committee of Review of the Wesleyan Connexional School in ublin, on Saturday, the 22nd of June, 1850, at Seven clock P.M. 4. The Stationing Committee, on Monday, the 4th of June, 1850, at Ten o'clock A.M. 5. The Missionary ommittee, on Tuesday, the 25th of June, 1850, at Ten clock A.M.

N.B.—The Secretary, Brother John F. Mathews, is required to tend these Committees, for the purpose of preparing the neces-ry documents for the Conference.

Q. 36. When and where shall our next Conference be ld?

A. In Dublin, commencing on Wednesday, the 26th of ne, 1850, at Six o'clock A.M.

N.B.—It is directed that special attention be given to the rule, at no Circuit be left without a Preacher during the sitting of nference; and those Preachers who remain on the Circuits shall t remove, until officially notified of the confirmation of the sta-ns for the ensuing year. The Chairmen of Districts shall be sponsible for the observance of this rule.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

ROBERT NEWTON, PRESIDENT.

JOHN F. MATHEWS, SECRETARY.

CORK, 5TH JULY, 1849.

GENERAL RECAPITULATION

Of the NUMBER OF MEMBERS and MINISTERS in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1848.

Number of Members in Great Britain		338,861
Ditto in Ireland		23,142
Ditto in our Foreign Stations		97,451
Total Number of Members under the care of the British and Irish Conferences		459,454

N. B. — The number of regular Ministers and Preachers on Trial, and those who are Supernumerary and Superannuated, is as follows, viz.

In Great Britain,			
Ministers	886		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated ...	187		
Preachers on Trial	122		
			1,195
In Ireland,			
Ministers	79		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated ...	35		
Preachers on Trial, ...	25		
Missionaries, viz.—			
Ministers	20		
Ditto Supernumerary	1		
Preachers on Trial	3		
		— 24	
			163
In our Foreign Stations,			
Ministers	308		
Ditto Supernumerary and Superannuated ...	8		
Preachers on Trial	52		
			368
Total			1,726
Number of Members under the care of the *Wesleyan Conference in Canada*, in connexion with the British Conference			23,842
Number of Ministers belonging to the *Wesleyan Conference in Canada*, in connexion with the British Conference	151		
Supernumerary and Superannuated ...	26		
			177

UITS.	No. in So-ciety.	Yearly Collectn. Fund.			Educa-tion Fund.			Auxilli-ary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Mission-ary Fund.			Emi-gra-tions.
South.....	601	75	12	0	27	5	0	34	15	0	25	9	6	296	6	1	26
, North.....	824	58	7	0	40	0	0	26	12	0	22	0	0	208	3	4	40
wn	56	6	10	0	5	18	0	2	10	0	5	15	0	27	8	2	10
da.....	231	30	12	6	9	13	0	1	15	0	8	2	3	70	1	5	26
w.....	320	10	10	0	6	12	9	1	12	0	7	14	0	71	16	5	24
ord.....	202	19	4	0	10	8	0	6	2	6	10	6	0	112	6	4	23
....	257	17	0	0	7	11	4	3	7	3	8	4	8	55	2	2	6
ynbarry.....	310	9	15	0	4	0	0	1	11	6	5	11	0	63	0	0	17
rd....	170	12	0	0	6	0	0	1	11	6	7	0	0	50	0	0	15
....	360	48	6	0	10	13	6	14	2	0	14	0	0	126	9	10	45
.....	80	12	7	6	2	3	8	2	16	0	2	1	6	39	0	0	3
.....	386	43	11	6	15	8	8	13	1	0	20	16	2	141	0	11	44
'een.....	272	13	4	0	2	10	0	2	3	0	3	0	0	46	0	0	33
.....	75	8	6	3	1	19	3	1	11	6	3	0	0	25	6	1	4
ck.....	240	20	0	0	6	0	0	8	0	0	10	0	0	75	0	0	28
a..... ...	172	12	5	0	8	3	0	7	6	0	8	10	0	110	14	1	2
jordan.....	178	5	0	0	2	2	0	1	11	6	2	7	6	25	3	2	3
ioore.... ...	214	10	0	0	3	8	1	1	12	0	4	0	0	60	10	11	8
e.....	113	4	1	6	1	13	3	1	12	0	1	17	10	35	4	6	4
orough.....	240	10	0	0	3	10	0	2	10	6	5	0	0	72	0	0	4
ord.....	192	7	10	0	3	0	6	1	11	6	5	3	6	50	1	10	16
.....	451	14	13	3	5	5	0	3	0	0	8	0	9	62	14	9	31
ar.....	65	5	6	0	3	14	6	1	11	6	3	17	9	38	8	0	8
..... .	174	4	5	0	3	8	0	1	11	6	3	10	0	36	18	8	16
.....	142	2	18	0	1	5	0	2	0	0	1	8	10	36	3	2	15
.....	339	2	6	6	1	14	5	1	11	6	1	18	6	43	15	5	28
ill	320	4	10	0	2	17	0	1	11	6	2	15	0	25	11	9	23
ndra	352	3	9	0	1	10	0	1	11	6	1	5	0	22	9	3	16
laney, &c...	314	4	13	6	2	12	6	1	11	6	3	3	0	30	14	4	28
nacloy.... ...	248	2	14	0	1	12	3	1	11	6	1	4	2	36	6	5	7
illen.....	760	8	18	6	4	11	0	1	11	6	5	10	0	76	4	9	18
orough.....	669	6	0	0	2	10	7	1	11	6	4	0	0	51	1	0	12
hamilton....	760	3	10	0	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	5	0	36	14	3	18
erstown....	977	7	0	0	1	10	0	1	11	6	2	0	0	29	8	5	85
nannon, &c..	488	4	4	4	2	0	0	1	11	6	1	13	3	22	8	2	32
nderry.....	270	14	0	0	7	0	0	8	7	6	10	12	0	98	3	3	13
ne...	485	5	1	6	3	3	0	1	11	6	2	11	0	29	10	0	16
.....	600	6	16	10	2	1	1	1	11	6	2	5	6	45	3	2	8
t, South, ...	603	36	5	10	14	5	0	13	0	0	16	11	3	198	9	8	10
, North.....	728	27	5	0	25	0	0	8	12	6	12	13	3	153	1	1	35
are.....	251	4	10	0	3	0	0	1	11	6	3	2	4	39	3	6	13
hadee.....	535	8	10	0	6	0	0	1	11	6	5	10	0	158	5	8	18
kfergus.....	235	6	15	0	9	3	2	1	11	6	6	8	4	51	14	6	5
ine.....	313	8	5	4	6	19	2	2	4	0	6	14	6	96	15	7	15
rafelt.....	360	4	5	0	1	10	0	1	11	6	3	2	6	27	0	0	24
n.....	388	8	13	0	4	4	0	1	18	0	4	6	0	67	19	10	20
patrick	301	2	0	0	2	7	8	1	11	6	1	8	3	29	10	9	11
'...	282	6	0	0	2	18	5	1	13	6	4	0	0	40	0	0	18
nnon.....	438	6	10	0	2	14	4	2	0	0	3	16	0	103	14	6	16
gh.....	530	8	0	0	4	0	0	1	16	0	3	2	0	76	2	2	10
n.....	464	6	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	3	16	7	40	0	0	10
& Dromore.	480	5	8	6	3	16	5	1	12	6	3	11	0	32	6	8	10
agee.....	383	5	0	0	4	9	0	1	11	6	3	14	0	38	8	5	8
lown	636	13	16	4	10	16	10	9	2	6	14	14	3	152	4	6	8
RY STATIONS.																	
and Trim...	160	2	10	0	1	5	0	1	11	6	1	10	0	70	0	0	6
iny.....	218	6	3	0	2	7	1	1	11	6	6	8	6	83	8	5	15
ary.....	29	0	10	0	0	5	0	0	2	6	0	10	0	8	0	0	2
al...	90	3	5	0	1	18	3	1	11	6	3	12	0	55	1	0	8
y.....	83	5	0	0	2	16	0	1	11	6	3	16	0	64	13	4	21
le.....	102	3	5	0	1	1	0	1	11	6	1	1	6	34	13	3	3
aven Mines..	70	1	8	6	1	5	4	0	18	4	1	6	0	34	15	4	5
. ...	40	0	11	0	0	3	0	0	1	9	0	10	0	10	0	0	3
aloe.....	59	1	10	0	0	12	10	1	11	6	1	9	2	25	17	5	8
ne..... .	90	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	1	10	0	44	0	0	29
h..... ...	46	3	0	0	1	14	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	41	13	9	8
y.	97	2	0	0	1	12	6	1	11	6	2	0	0	32	14	2	12
....	31	1	7	6	1	5	0	1	5	6	1	5	0	19	14	11	0
illet and Erris	42	0	16	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	18	2	10	0
.....	191	4	0	0	0	18	4	1	11	6	0	16	11	62	13	1	10
all.....	632	6	0	0	1	19	10	1	11	6	2	13	0	73	3	8	18
elton.....	112	1	2	6	0	10	4	1	11	6	0	14	0	37	10	0	3
wnlimavaddy,	90	1	5	6	1	1	1	1	11	6	1	1	0	34	1	0	6
ens.....	205	2	5	0	1	5	0	1	11	6	2	0	0	46	7	11	22
l.....	22221	739	13	8	357	1	11	250	12	10	366	16	0	4583	16	11	1165

GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Grant from British Contingent Fund, ...	650	0	0	By Balance last year, ...	141	4	4
— Grant from Book Room, ...	500	0	0	— Grant to Districts, according to arrangements of last year, ...	1950	0	0
— Amount of Yearly Collection, £739 13 8 and 24 3 7	763	17	3	— Circuit deficiencies, ...	48	17	10
— Cash per Rev. W. O. C.	150	0	0	— Miscellanies, ...	144	13	9
— Donation from a Friend in London, ...	8	0	0	— Grants for Furniture to Circuits, &c. ...	24	0	0
— Donation from Londonderry, per Rev. J. Carey, ...	10	0	0	— Paid for Printing Addresses, &c. ...	5	13	6
— Balance due the Treasurer, ...	232	12	2				
	£2314	9	5		£2314	9	5

Cork, July 5th, 1849.

N.B.—The sum of £10 1s. 8d. the interest on the Legacy of the late Mrs. Deavrs, has been transmitted to the Treasurers of the Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society Fund.

The Annual Address

OF THE

IRISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

BEING now assembled in our Annual Conference, with the sanction and under the superintendence of the great Head of the church, we feel it to be our pleasing duty to address you, we trust, with all Christian affection and respect; and hereby express the continued regard which we as a body of Christan Ministers, entertain and cherish towards you.

Your encouraging and highly-valued Address was heard and received by us with the most lively interest and heartfelt gratitude. Your paternal affection and brotherly kindness; your recognition of our unity with you, as a ministerial body; the just apprehension which you have of our peculiar position; and the deep sympathy which you express on behalf of our unhappy country; have elevated and cheered our drooping spirits, and encouraged us to persevere in our arduous toil.

You have indeed made common cause with us, supported us in time of trial, lifted up our sinking heads amidst surrounding famine, pestilence and death; and now, in this day of "rebuke and blasphemy," it inspires us with renewed energy to know assuredly that we have an inte-

rest in your united and faithful prayers. Brethren "pray for us; for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."

At the present crisis in the history of this land of spiritual darkness, and consequent degradation,—a crisis in which licentiousness would destroy liberty, anarchy displace rule, and abounding iniquity overflow all that is righteous in our country,—a crisis in which Popery and Infidelity have openly and professedly combined to repudiate British connexion, trample on constituted authority, treat our rulers with insolence and contempt, and aim at overturning the institutions of the empire,—it surely becomes us, as faithful followers of our venerable Founder, and guardians of the principles left us by our fathers, unitedly and cordially to declare, not only our unabated, but increasing attachment to you, as our fathers and brethren in this ministry; and also to the Constitution of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, which makes us of one nation as we are of one heart. With you we acknowledge but one Sovereign, the Queen, whom may God bless! one House of Lords, one House of Commons, one kingdom, and one undivided people. Organized agitations and revolutionary threats have only pressed us more closely together, and awakened our energies afresh, in support of union, law, and order. As Christian men and Ministers, as followers of the ardent and consistent loyalty of Wesley, and as disinterested lovers of our country, we cling to and rejoice in the Union, because it is essential to the greatness and stability of the empire, the prosperity of commerce, the perpetuity of Protestantism, and the operations of our well-adapted system to the moral wants of Ireland.

The natural tendency of principles and theories in opposition to these sentiments, would be to give ascendancy to "the Man of Sin," hand over our country to the unrestrained tyranny of Priests, drive the Protestants of Ireland from her soil, and speedily produce a dissolution of our Societies and Connexion.

Nothing, in our judgment, can ever heal the wounds of this afflicted land, remove the poverty and degradation of the people, and raise them into healthy and vigorous action, but the unadulterated truths of the ever-blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Every remedy,

ut this, must fail; and we trust the day is not far
it when the peasantry of the South and West of Ire-
will embrace the simple truths of our holy religion,
ant of which leaves them in melancholy contrast with
Bible-reading population of Ulster. To effect the
ate regeneration of Ireland, to implant principles of
e truth in her moral soil, to destroy her debasing
stitions, and to free her sons from spiritual thraldom,
great object at which we aim. To this end we re-
in the name and strength of Christ, to persevere,
dure every privation, to encounter every difficulty,
sh into every opening, and to cry aloud to perishing
tudes, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh
the sin of the world!"

though our divine Master, in the course of the last
has given us many souls for our hire, we have again
nent a serious defalcation in our numbers. Various
s may be assigned for this. The lingering influence
e previous calamity has robbed us during this year,
ny of our people. The activity and zeal of other
gelical parties, who are better able than ourselves to
lish schools, and to call forth additional labourers,
e Irish field, may be also noticed as a partial cause.
poverty resulting from the pressure of famine and pes-
e, has contributed its share towards this result; inas-
as many, through mistaken notions of independency,
nwilling to be found amongst us, while unable to
ibute to our funds. But the chief cause arises from
ct, that society generally, in Ireland, is at the pre-
ime in a state of transition. The agitated state of
ountry has paralyzed trade, and produced additional
ty and distress. Multitudes have expatriated them-
, through dread of coming evils, and a desire to
peace and prosperity. We look, however, to the
"Captain of our salvation," that he may enable us
ep a firm stand, and not lose one spot where we or
fathers formerly erected the standard of the Cross.
although some of our societies, in consequence of
ty, death, and emigration, are reduced to a mere
yet, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, we trust to
it our ranks, to enlarge the army of the faithful, and

never to give up the contest, until Ireland shall bow down in submission at the feet of our all-conquering Lord.

We have to record the death of four of our brethren in the ministry in the course of this year. One of these died full of years, in peace with God; and another exchanged mortality for life, and thus finished his trial of faith, before the termination of his period of probation amongst us. The other two were called to their eternal reward in the midst of their days and usefulness: active, laborious, and faithful as they were, "the Judge of all the earth" deemed it wise and fitting to remove them from the church militant, to the church triumphant. O that we may follow them in all meekness and lowliness of spirit, as they followed Christ!

To supply our ranks, four young men of respectable talents, and considerable promise of usefulness, were, after due examination of the most satisfactory character, received into full connexion with the Conference, and solemly set apart to the work of the ministry by imposition of hands. The whole service, on this occasion, was deeply impressive, highly instructive, and well calculated to show forth the great responsibility and importance of the ministerial office in the church of Christ.

Seven candidates, having been well recommended by the several District Meetings, were unanimously approved by the Conference. All of these young brethren, with one from the Northern Branch of the Theological Institution, have been appointed to Circuits. Thus the Lord continues to raise up new labourers, to supply the place of those who have died in the Lord, or of those who, in consequence of infirmity and years, have been placed on our list of Supernumeraries. Five brethren have, by the sanction of this Conference, retired from the regular work.

We cannot but glorify the God of our fathers, for the grace and wisdom conferred on our highly-esteemed and venerated President, the Rev. Samuel Jackson. In the course of our proceedings, cases of unusual interest came before him, which demanded sound judgment, patient investigation, and firmness of purpose in the maintenance of our discipline. His conduct, in every instance, commanded our warmest approbation. The power, persuasion, and divine influence which accompanied his public

inistrations will be long remembered both by Preachers
ıd people.

While we deeply regret the absence of one whose praise is in all the churches," and whose presence we 'ould have hailed with joy,—namely, the Rev. Dr. Bunt-ıg, who was appointed by you to accompany our beloved 'resident,—we have again cause of the highest gratitude ɔr the visit, and the Connexional and public services, f the Rev. Robert Newton, D.D., your honoured Secre-ıry, and our faithful, valued, and long tried friend. ;very additional visit endears him more and more to the ıembers of this Conference. His unabated interest in ;, and in all our affairs, calls forth increasing thankful-ess; his knowledge of our Connexional matters renders is counsel invaluable. May the good Lord long spare is honoured and useful life both to you and to us!

Your Missionary Deputation, appointed last Confe-ıce to visit Ireland, consisting of the Revds. Thomas H. quance, George Osborn, Alexander Bell, Jesse Pilcher, ıd John Gostick, was eminently acceptable and efficient, oth in the pulpit and on the platform. Our identifica-on with you in this great enterprise is thus exhibited, ıe common salvation made known, and the importance f Missionary efforts impressed on the minds of thousands f our countrymen.

In connexion with this great work, we cannot pass over ıe diligent, faithful, and persevering labours of your uperintendent of Missions and Schools in Ireland, the tev. W. O. Croggon, without an expression of our ap-roval. His active habits of business, firmness of charac-ɛr, well-known punctuality, and obliging disposition, eculiarly qualify him for the station you have assigned im; and urge us to request his appointment for another ear.

We send, as Representatives to your Conference, our eloved brethren, the Revds. Thomas Waugh, John F. Iathews, and John Greer. They enjoy our highest con-dence, and are intimately acquainted with the affairs of ur Connexion.

And now, very dear Fathers and Brethren in the Lord, 'e separate from this Conference, deploring our own ıefficiency, mourning over our want of greater success

which the Redeemer's providence permits,—and permits, we cannot doubt, with the design of subordinating them to the establishment of his own "quiet and peaceable reign,"—shall not be permitted to intercept those communications which alone can prepare His servants for the course of duty to which He points them. On the contrary, it is our privilege to remember that our "merciful and faithful High Priest" makes His grace abound, for the supply of all His people's need. So it has been in your past experience, as in the history of the church from the beginning. With confident hope, then, no less than with devout anxiety, we still commend you to God. "Grace be unto you," and unto your beloved charge, "and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first-begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth."

On an occasion so solemnly and sorrowfully marked as the present, you will forgive us if references to the more ordinary topics of our correspondence be abridged. Not that these are of declining interest and value. We appreciate them, as you do; and we shall not cease to think, with grateful joy, of your determination to "stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths,"—to preach the atonement without reserve, and without addition,—to take opportunity of proclaiming, in "the highways and hedges," the truth that saves the soul,—to magnify the Holy Spirit's offices, and to seek His yet richer baptisms. As supplementary to the ministry of the word and to the sacraments, you well know the importance of those means of Christian fellowship which enrich Methodism. In order to secure the designed benefit, it is indeed imperative that these be maintained with unwearied spirituality. And our experienced friends, on both sides of the Channel, are best aware that the excitements of this age render it most important to keep up the habit of searching inquiry into our own religious state. Let this be done in our inestimable class-meetings; and, above all, in much secret intercourse with Heaven. "Come my people," says God, in the voice of passing events, "enter thou into thy chambers,

and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast."

The resolution you have taken is wisely practical. Events of recent European history, to which we know of no parallel, might easily beguile us into fruitless speculation as to the future. It is very far from our judgment to discourage the careful, patriotic, Christian review of public occurrences; or to underrate the habit of taking heed to the "word of prophecy," "as unto a light that shineth in a dark place." It is less satisfactory, however, to find instances in which uncertain questions divert the activity of good men from the work to be done, or their attention from the great and primary doctrines of a LIVING CHRISTIANITY. The word of salvation, in its ancient simplicity and power, is to be held forth. Without the dubious aid of formal controversy, THIS confutes errors which impotently claim to be venerable in age, or authoritative by the suffrages of men. And it is to be observed, that THE VERY WORDS OF INSPIRATION come home, as with a power and glory all their own, so with an adaptation to every exigency of our service that may well remind us of an Apostle's admonition, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."

Our tender sympathy is due to you, in review of the diminished numbers in your societies. Recent experience, happily unusual, qualifies us to feel much on this subject. That strict inquiry should be excited by this state of things, is certainly most reasonable. Numerical reduction can never be thought of, without painful solicitude. The churches of Christ are far too slowly advancing: the world is not made duly to feel their influence, or to partake their grace. Yet, with the disposition to mourn over our own defects, and to record the vows of a deeper devotion, we may humbly advert to some considerations which explain our report, and in some degree relieve our distress. —Of those who have died in the Lord, it is glorious to think: they have escaped from all the pain and peril of life; and they are but for a season divided from those who are following their triumphant spirits to heaven.—But many have left your shores for distant lands. They go, attended by your prayers; and with your solemn charge to remember, in the ends of the earth, the God of their

fathers. These emigrant witnesses for Christ may be rendered a blessing beyond all calculation; like the expatriated believers of the primitive age, who "travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch," preaching the Lord Jesus. To this important end your communications with them, as opportunity serves, will materially contribute. Thus, while the enfeebled societies within your own island are cherished with kindest care, in order to their recruiting and revival,—their former members, now separated from you by mountains and oceans, will not be forgotten; and mutual prayers will avail on high. Each member of the scattered host will be benefited in feeling a continued union with all the rest; yea, with "the whole family in heaven and earth."—As to cases of a different class, we cannot with indifference see our members alienated; but, in the spirit of genuine Methodism, we can heartily wish success to all evangelical agencies: "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them and mercy, and upon the Israel of God."

The calamities which have fallen on your island, have given your English friends occasion of testifying their true regard. We glance at this, as one of the points introduced in your address; and simply to re-assure you of the ready and cordial love with which our little aid was rendered in behalf of your suffering flocks. One of the benefits derivable from so afflictive a visitation, is the new evidence arising to show that "whether one member" of Christ's body "suffer, all the members suffer with it." Our poorest brethren and sisters, throughout the entire Methodist community, we would affectionately implore, under any and all circumstances to maintain their union with the society. Thrice welcome to our fellowship are those whose ability to support the common cause fails their willing mind. Enough, if they share the honour of the church in Smyrna, and hear the Master say, "I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty,—BUT THOU ART RICH." Let not sorrow be permitted to drive ANY from that communion in which, by grace, they shall find succour and sympathy which the world knoweth not. We trust that *the objects* of our present anxiety will be kept in the

urch,—in the ark of safety which, notwithstanding all e violence of the diluvial waters, is destined to outride e storm.

There are seasons in which the precious testimonies of ripture apply with power and sweetness never to be for-tten. So felt the leader of the German Reformation; d, after him, let us comfort ourselves by thinking of e "everlasting covenant" made with us by Israel's God, ven the sure mercies of David:" "God is our refuge d strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore ll not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though e mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though e waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the moun-ins shake with the swellings thereof." Amid these mults and convulsions, "there is a river, the streams ereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place the tabernacles of the Most High." Blessed be God, o vouchsafes some tokens of His presence with you. former days of alarm and agitation, when the attention holy and discriminating men was much fixed on the gns of Providence in regard to coming events, it was th reason argued, that among the tokens of a country's proaching desolation is *the decay of religion in its pro-sing churches.* Humbly, but gratefully, we hail each isting proof that our united societies are not departing om God; that their fervour, devoutness, and love are impaired. Deep humility, leading us to confess our anifold sins and the sins of our people, may consist with grateful acknowledgment of all that God has done for . In this way we learn anew to trust in His almighty m. *We* may look with apprehension to the issue of ssing things; but Jesus, the Lord and Husband of the urch, "shall not fail nor be discouraged." Let us fear im, and none beside. Trembling at His word, dread-g to grieve His purity, most anxious to observe every nition of His will,—let us renew our allegiance, in sured hope that every difficulty will yield to Almighty ve. "The mountains shall depart, and the hills be moved; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, ither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith e Lord that hath mercy on thee."

Amid the deepest feelings, which we attempt not to

express, your beloved Representatives left our assembly. Alarming rumours, received on the third morning of our session, called them home. Our earnest prayers have ascended, and still ascend, for our Reverend Brethren, for their domestic and religious connexions, and for your troubled land. Need we assure you that we long to see Ireland tranquillized, blessed, regenerated? or that we feel with you, that the real want lies deeper than the general eye is wont to look?—Perhaps we have not duly honoured Christ as "the Head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." His members cannot be forgotten of Him. He can give quietness in the midst of agitations; rendering even these the means of ripening our graces, and of preparing us for the encouragements of larger success. It is not uncommonly remarked, that great characters are formed in arduous circumstances. And we may venture to believe, that thus will be fostered that high ministerial excellence which the times require. Your affecting reference to a sense of unworthiness—a feeling which we largely partake—indicates the spirit which, by the grace of Christ, prepares for the solemn work before you. Our sense of feebleness must stimulate us to diligence in applying whatever powers we have; and especially, in seeking the influence which makes the simple wise, and the weak mighty. We are refreshed by the allusions, in your closing paragraphs, to tokens of blessing. Fight on, dear brethren, our fellow-soldiers engaged in a critical part of the battle-field; and, whatever struggles may yet await you, the victory is sure. You are honouring the appointed instrumentality for the saving and renewing of our race. THE TRUTH—that which claims this august title, amid all that is true—must be still proclaimed, as in the early days. The Gospel which, eighteen hundred years ago, won its beneficent way through the known world, and prevailed beyond the utmost trophy of the Roman power,—which, after ages of inactivity and slumber, blessed the nations of Western Europe with the glories of the Reformation,—and which awakened the British isles by the ministry of our fathers,—has lost none of its power. According to the judgment of our Reverend Founder, SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH "strikes at the root" of the

many-branching error that threatens you: this "drove Popery out of these kingdoms; and it is this alone that can keep it out." Do our experience and observation go to refute this statement? We anticipate your reply. We all gather round the throne of truth; re-affirm the sufficiency, the supremacy, the sole authority, of holy Scripture; and implore grace to be faithful in a service from which nothing but death must separate us. Let us cherish the spirit of faith, and preach THE WORD with full confidence of its effectiveness. "According as it is written, I believed, therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."

Our efforts may be well directed to the increase of such agencies as may tell on the Irish-speaking population; and to the general circulation of the Bible, and of well-chosen religious tracts. But on such points, confessedly of highest importance, we need not dwell. The review of early Irish history, the injuries inflicted by ignorance and superstition on many districts of your beautiful country, and the impressive contrast offered by its more Protestant province,—all serve to commend those long-tried plans on which your labours have been hitherto pursued. Your quiet energy shall not be put forth in vain. The result, if apparently distant, will not be slight or casual. "Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and the latter rain." And we know that, in the spiritual husbandry, "he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Your loyalty—simple, holy, consistent,—has been long approved. It will remain, amid the shocks which might impair an attachment of inferior principle and piety. The changes that now agitate Europe seem tending, in almost any event, to weaken that power with which you are engaged in earnest though noiseless conflict. Nor can we think that even a temporary triumph will be allowed to those who would drive Protestantism from your coasts, or dissolve a legislative Union which the peace, the true liberty, and all the real interests of your community seem imperatively to require. Yet, if your trials become fiercer, and the light of primitive truth seem for a season eclipsed,

let us still trust that God will ere long cause you "to triumph in Christ," and will make "manifest the savour of His knowledge by" you "in every place." From your joys and griefs, your life and death, He will derive His revenue of glory. Even "the wrath" of your miscalculating foes He will cause to "praise" Him; and "the remainder of wrath" He will "restrain."

Amid what circumstances this Address will be read in your next assembly, we can, however, little calculate. We presume not to pierce the dim, eventful future. In these British isles, so long favoured, we mourn to see aggravated sins which attract the vengeance of God. This view of a thrilling subject we maintain, and we hope ever to maintain, against the atheism which assumes the name of philosophy. God moves in the changing and troubled scene around us. Famine, disease, and war, are among the instruments He employs. Once the Assyrian was "the rod of His anger;" and, by His decree, Babylon became "the hammer of the whole earth." To Him "the shields of the earth" still "belong;" and "the wicked" continue to be His "sword." Are there not then, resulting hence, certain reflections of most pathetic interest?

Looking around, we tremble to think of the prevailing pride, unbelief, and licentiousness. We cannot appear in the searching sight of Him who has recorded our unfaithfulness to His call, our neglect of His indicated designs, our guilty unwillingness to "hear the rod, and who hath appointed it." And, if the righteous were minished, or obviously removed from stations of public influence; if there were visible a decay of virtuous patriotism, a languor in the churches, a growth of indifference, a suspension of aggressive effort; if the awakening Spirit had taken His flight—or if His few remaining warnings, while marked by extraordinary solemnity, were powerless to arouse a slumbering nation; our hopes might be extinguished. But in these realms there are many lovers of Sion, and of Sion's Lord; and they "sigh" and "cry," not in vain, "for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." Abraham's God is as compassionate as when He said of a guilty city, "I will not destroy it for ten's sake." Let His saints stand forth: let them lay hold on the young, and train these for the imminent warfare: and let all pray

for the spirit of Martyrs and Apostles. At once instructive and animating is it to trace the character of those who have been screened and rescued, in other days, amid general terror and desolation. They were eminently devoted to God,—they were marked by the power of pleading faith,—they were unfaltering amid prevalent unfaithfulness. The God of Noah, Daniel, and Job, still listens to his own elect. He "knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." For the just He has a smile, serenely bright in the wide-spread darkness. It may please Him literally to fulfil his ancient word,—"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." Or, God may take His saints "from the evil to come;" "hiding" them "in the grave," and "keeping" them "secret, until" His "wrath be past." Or, again, if they be involved in a general affliction, the character of the visitation will be changed. A divine of a former age thus supplies comfort and encouragement:—"Though nature may startle at the rushing violence of the blast, yet it is but the noise of the chariot-wheels sent to convey me home. It is my Father's chariot, though it should be a flash of fire, like Elijah's; my Father's voice, though He spake in a whirlwind, as to Job.....And, though I may die in a common calamity, yet I shall die in peace, as good Josiah, who, though he fell in battle, is said to be gathered to the grave in peace."

But, beloved brethren, we hope better things than some of these allusions may suggest. We hope for the speedy pacification of Ireland, the uninterrupted integrity of the empire, and the prosperity of our united churches. Abstaining from all that might needlessly irritate, and seeking ever to maintain a peaceful and Christian influence on all around, you will still intercede, even for the restless and the ungodly around you. Your efforts of tender and unwearied kindness will be still put forth for their welfare.

Who can sound the mercy of God? or conclude that He will not grant a yet protracted day of warning and of grace? At least, your prayers will return into your own bosom.

We appoint our honoured President, the Rev. Robert Newton, D. D., accompanied by our Secretary, the Rev. Joseph Fowler, and one of the Missionary Secretaries, to attend your next Conference; and in the list of our Missionary Deputation are included the following arrangements:—For the North of Ireland, the Revds. Joseph Stinson and Robert Inglis; for the South, the Revds. George B. Macdonald and John Gostick; and for the West, the Rev. William Moister.

Farewell, Brethren beloved and honoured for your "work of faith" and "patience of hope." We humbly trust to meet you with joy in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your heavenly home is the more attractive, in contrast with "the sufferings of this present time." "To you it is" indeed "given, in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you! To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

ISAAC KEELING,
JOHN FARRAR,
WILLIAM BARTON,
} *Sub-Secretaries.*

Hull, August 11th, 1848.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

TO THE MEMBERS

OF THE

METHODIST SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

Assembled in Conference at the close of another eventful year we again embrace the opportunity of addressing you. "Being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart," we still "watch for your souls as they that must give account." To promote your spiritual prosperity is the object of our deliberations. For you we labour, for you we suffer, and it is the burden of our earnest prayer that "our God would fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power; that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

We commenced our Conference on the morning of Wednesday, the 27th of June, with hearty thanks to God that, notwithstanding the prevalence of famine and disease in many districts of our country, we had been mercifully preserved, not one having been removed by death from the itinerant ministry amongst us. A sacred influence attended our supplications for Divine direction and aid, affording an earnest of that union of heart and comfort of the Spirit enjoyed by us in all our after sittings.

We were again cheered by the presence of the Rev. Dr. Newton, our highly-honoured President, to whose person the lapse of years has served but to heighten our attachment, as we have been laid under deeper obligations for his valuable counsels and unswerving friendship.

We were also gratified by the appearance amongst us of the Rev. Joseph Fowler, the Secretary of the British Conference, whose discrimination and acquaintance with our discipline secured our respect, and who has endeared himself to us by the lively interest which he evinced in all our concerns. The public ministrations of those honoured messengers of the Churches were listened to by crowded and attentive congregations with manifest profit and delight.

Three of our brethren now retire from the active work. Two others, who had for some time been Supernumeraries, have, in the course of the year, been called to their reward, witnessing in age and death the supporting power of that Gospel, to the spread of which they had successfully devoted the vigour of their days. We rejoice that others are coming forward to catch their falling mantles. Four young men, who had undergone the usual examinations, were unanimously recommended from their respective District-meetings, and received on trial by the Conference; and nine others, having creditably fulfilled their period of probation, were publicly and solemnly set apart to the full office of the Christian ministry. The charge delivered to them by the President on the following evening was distinguished by its clearness, impressiveness and power.

We regret that we should again have to report a decrease in the number of our Societies; but, when we consider that, in addition to the losses sustained by death, the declensions occasioned by the impoverished and depressed state of our country, and the assiduous efforts made in many places to draw away our people, emigration has prevailed to an increased extent, depriving us of one thousand one hundred and sixty-five of our valued members; we feel thankful to God that a much larger diminution has not taken place, and, from the state of several of our Circuits, we are encouraged to look for better days. We admire the liberality with which you have continued to support our various funds, and take it as an evidence of your unabated attachment to Wesleyan Methodism, and your desire to extend it throughout the whole land; nor would we conceal from you our hope that, as God may give you the ability, you will abound in this grace also. On this subject we would this year, as last, "sub-

mit to your special consideration the importance of our Yearly Collection, as a principal means for supporting our cause, and for widening the circle of our operations in our native land; and we would also direct your attention to that rule of original Methodism, established from its very rise by the venerable founder of our Societies—that, except in case of extreme poverty, every member of our Societies would contribute at least one penny a-week, and one shilling a-quarter,' this is the most simple and permanent source of Methodistic income, and which, if universally acted on, would place at the disposal of the stewards ample circuit funds."

In the mean time, beloved Brethren, we entreat you to unite with us in seeking the removal of every hindrance to our prosperity, using every means which may tend to a revival of religion, and earnestly pleading for an outpouring of the Spirit of God.

We affectionately remind you that the great end of our existence as a people is to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land. In that system of doctrine and discipline which, for this end has been committed to us, we desire to make no change. If we would see such prosperity as our fathers saw, we must hold fast the same doctrines, experience the same Gospel blessings, and exemplify the same holiness as they did. Suffer us then to urge on you the necessity of personal pardon through faith in the atoning sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the direct and abiding witness of the Spirit testifying your adoption into the family of God. Rest not until you can at all times individually appeal to the Searcher of hearts, and say, "Lord, thou knowest all things—thou knowest that I love thee." And, enjoying union with the Saviour, suffer not the ardour of your attachment to decline; cultivate habits of recollectedness, and intimate fellowship with God. Ye are called with an holy calling, therefore, follow holiness; and, exercising strong confidence in the exceeding great and precious promises of the Everlasting Covenant, prove in your daily experience the faithfulness of Him who can sanctify you wholly, and "make you perfect in every good work, to do his will." That you may preserve the spirit of an elevated piety, we warn you against conformity to the world. Worldly conformity

and a high degree of spiritual-mindedness cannot co-exist. Renounce, therefore, every worldly vanity, and, in the use of this world's goods, be temperate in all things. "Let your moderation be known unto all men; the Lord is at hand." In your temporal concerns, let integrity and uprightness preserve you. Enter into no rash speculations; contract no debts without the clear probability of discharging them; and in all your engagements evince the strictest regard for truth.

In these times of general depression, the circumstances of many amongst you demand our kindest sympathy. You have been called to suffer, to contend with perplexing difficulties, to feel the pressure of care; but, faint not in the day of adversity; have no recourse to worldly expediency; secure and ever retain "the answer of a good conscience toward God;" He will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able to bear, for the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation. Cast all your care upon Him, for he careth for you.

That you may be thoroughly furnished unto every good work, we exhort you to a regular, diligent, attentive, and prayerful perusal of "the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Neglect not a due attendance on public worship and the ministry of the Word. Not on the Sabbath merely, but at every opportunity let your presence practically exclaim, "How beautiful are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings of good; that publisheth salvation." Be it your aim to hear "what the Lord God will say concerning you;" and while you give not to man the glory due to God alone, take heed that you despise not the messengers he has sent. Indulge not a criticising or censorious spirit, but receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls.

Especially "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," allowing nothing secular to intrude upon its sacred moments, but filling them up with hallowing duties and delights.

Be diligent in your attendance at the Table of the Lord, approaching it with a reverential and believing spirit, as discerning the Lord's body; and thus solemnly

ınly avowing your entire dependance on His
ıl death.

y prize those frequent opportunities for Christian
ıion which our class-meetings afford. "Forsake
assembling of yourselves together;" remissness
ever been observed among us as the sure fore-
ıf spiritual decay.

ɜ we would have your minds impressed with the
sable necessity of a regular and constant obser-
family and closet prayer, we especially remind
ɔf the solemn responsibilities that attach to them
ɔn to their children. Yours is a charge, not for
y, but for eternity. Give yourselves with more
l diligence to train them up for heaven; and rest
fied without the evidences in them of a real change

ɔn is an active and diffusive principle, and every
ıl possessd of it has some sphere in which it may
; to all, therefore, we would say, diligently la-
your own localities to promote the best interests
rtal souls, by inviting some to hear, who do not
ınd our ministry; by encouraging regular and
ıearers to unite themselves more closely with us;
irculation of religious tracts; by aiding in the
ıment of Prayer-meetings; and by reading and
uring to circulate our Magazines and monthly
als; the Sermons and Notes of our venerable
'; the Lives of Early Methodist Preachers, and
r standard works of our connexion. This last
ɔially urge on you as a means which our Book
ɔchly furnishes for counteracting evil, and effecting
ɔod; and one which demands a larger share of
ı from our people.

now, Brethren, we are about to repair to our
spheres of labour, dedicating ourselves afresh to
d to his work. We are deeply convinced that
can ensure success but a richer effusion of the
host. For this we would earnestly and believ-
ɔk up. "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of
l may have free course and be glorified. Now
ıself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ,
ır way unto you. And the Lord make you to

increase and abound in love, one toward another, and toward all men even as we do toward you. To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints."

Signed on behalf, and by order of the Conference,

JOHN F. MATHEWS, SECRETARY.

Cork, July 5, 1849.

The following is the Address to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, agreed upon at the late Conference, with the answer of His Excellency:—

"TO HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGE WILLIAM FREDERICK VILLIERS, EARL OF CLARENDON, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

"We, the Ministers of the connection established by the late Rev. John Wesley, A. M., assembled in our Annual Conference, beg most respectively to express our undeviating attachment to the person and throne of our beloved Sovereign, and the unrivalled constitution under which we have the happiness to live.

"We feel it more necessary to address your Excellency, as the representative of our most gracious Queen, at a time when discontent created by the machinations and revolutionary doctrines of unreasonable and wicked men, has issued in agitations perilling life and property, paralyzing industry, and awakening the fears of the peaceable and well disposed for the integrity and safety of the empire.

"We are, however, encouraged to believe that the wisdom and energy hitherto evinced by your Excellency in almost unparalleled difficulties, and the firm and continuous administration of the laws will, by the blessing of Almighty God, tend to the restoration of order and peace to our distracted country.

"The venerable founder of our community was distinguished for loyalty and respect for rightful authority, and we have been taught from the beginning to 'Fear God, honour the King, and to submit to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake.'

"During more than a century, the body of ministers to which we belong has been ceaselessly engaged in inculcating these scriptural doctrines. We feel it imperative, in the present circumstances of this country, to follow with increasing zeal the example of our fathers in disseminating truth throughout our native land, and our daily sup

ations, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, shall be made all men, 'for Kings, and for all that are in authority, that we y lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.'

Signed, on behalf and by order of the Conference of Wesleyan inisters, Centenary Chapel, Stephen's-green, Dublin, June 30, 18.

"SAMUEL JACKSON, President."

"Viceregal Lodge, July 6, 1848.

"REV. SIR—I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to thank you the transmission of a loyal address from the Ministers of the sleyan Methodist Connexion, assembled in their Annual Con-ence, expressive of their dutiful attachment to our gracious vereign and the institutions of the realm, and their anxiety to ist her government in the maintenance of law and order. The iod of excitement and agitation through which we may hope that e country has nearly passed, must naturally have excited the arm and reprobation of all true Christians and loyal subjects. erverse efforts have been made to stimulate the people, rendered culiarly susceptible by severe privation, to deeds of violence and rage which could have no other result than that of the aggrava-on and prolongation of their misery. These efforts have signally iled, chiefly because the preventive policy adopted by the govern-ent received warm sympathy and unsolicited assurances of support om the loyal and well disposed of all creeds, classes and parties Ireland. During the century that has elapsed since the establish-ent of your community as a distinct body by the Rev. John Wes-y, all the statesmen who have had a share in the administration the British Empire have uniformly found that body distinguished r the steadiness of its loyalty, and for its unvarying maintenance the principles of constitutional law and social order.

"His Excellency trusts that the continued abatement of the resent excitement will enable the ministers of religion to impress pon their several congregations those divine precepts of the Gos-el alluded to in your address, and which constitute the true and nly foundation on which the tranquillity, and the prosperity of ociety can be established.

"I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

"CORRY CONNELLAN."

"To the Rev. S. Jackson, &c., &c."

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

THE WESLEYAN MINISTERS,

AND

PREACHERS ON TRIAL, IN IRELAND.

☞ The figures before the names show the year in which each commenced his Itinerant Ministry, and those after, the number of successive annual appointments he has had to his present Circuit.

		Yrs.
1834	Appelbe, William P., Dublin South,	3
1816	Armstrong, J., Donaghadee,	1
1805	Armstrong, William, *Super.* Lisburn.	
1838	Atkins, John H. Ballina,	1
1841	Bagley, J., Boyle,	1
1847	Baker, Thomas W., Cavan,	1
1818	Ballard, Thomas, Portadown,	1
1831	Bamford, Robert, Newtownbarry,	2
1834	Banks, Edward M., Youghal,	2
1792	Banks, Robert, *Super.* Carlow.	
1846	Bass, James, Ballina,	1
1832	Bayly, Benj. Moira, &c.	3
1845	Beale, H. M. Wicklow,	1
1833	Beamish, Thos., *Super.* Dublin South.	
1824	Beauchamp, Robert, Carrickfergus,	1
1842	Bell, Robt. Enniskillen,	2
1848	Best, Edwd. Lowthers-town,	1
1837	Black, James, Clones,	1
1836	Black, Robt. Ballymena,	3
1839	Boyd, John H., Newry,	1
1839	Browne, Wm., Castleblaney, &c.	2
1810	Bruce, Robert, Roscrea,	3
1830	Burnside, William Athlone,	2
1809	Burrows, George, Tandragee,	2
1805	Burrows, M., *Super.* Dublin North.	
1844	Butler, William, Tandragee,	1
1812	Campbell, John, *Super.* Belfast, South.	
1831	Campbell, William G., Lowtherstown,	1
1845	Campbell, R. Belmullet,	1
1848	Carey, James, Manorhamilton,	1
1810	Carey, John, Drogheda,	1
1818	Carson, Robert, *Super.* Omagh.	
1841	Cather, R. G. Lurgan,	1
1829	Cather, Wm. Drogheda,	2
1848	Chambers, G. Wexford,	1
1848	Christie, W., Cootehill,	1
1796	Clendinnen, J., *Super.* Bideford, England.	

		Yrs.
bain, Edward, *Super.*		
arrickfergus.		
llier, James, Porta-		
)wn, . . .		1
wdy, Samuel, Brook-		
)rough, . .		1
rnwall, Wm., *Super.*		
allinasloe.		
ook, W., Tullamoore,		1
ook, W. jun. Roscrea,		1
ozier, Robert, *Super.*		
nniskillen.		
ery, Henry, *Super.*		
ublin, North.		
vers, R. A. Moira, &c.		2
nald, James, Rath-		
elton, . . .		3
nald, John, Limerick,		1
uglas, W., *Super.*		
owtherstown.		
wning, S. *Super.* Bel-		
st, North.		
ncan, John, Sligo, .		1
vyer, J. Dungannon,		2
liott, Fredk. Kinsale,		2
ely, John, Lucan, &c.		3
rguson, S., London-		
erry, . . .		1
rguson, Wm., *Super.*		
)ublin, South.		
rench, Patrick, *Super.*		
)rogheda.		
nlay, William, *Super.*		
trabane.		
ster, J., Magherafelt,		3
ster, Thos., Cavan, .		1
ote, William, *Super.*		
arlow.		
ddes, H. Nenagh,&c.		3
lbert, John, Magher-		
felt, . . .		1
les, H. J. Wexford, .		3
llman, J. B., *Super.*		
ove.		
ant, C. L., Brook-		
orough, . . .		2
eer, John, Bandon,		3

		Yrs.
1621	Guard, Wm. Donegal, .	3
1836	Hamilton, R., Wicklow,	2
1810	Harman, J. *Sup.* Cork.	
1828	Harpur, Edwd., Newry,	1
1826	Harrington, J., *Super.* Mallow.	
1809	Hazelton, E., *Super.* Dungannon.	
1844	Hazelton, J., Down- patrick, . . .	1
1841	Henderson, A. M., Bel- fast, North, . .	3
1826	Henry, James, Galway,	3
1838	Hewitt, R. Ballyclare, .	2
1835	Hickey, Thomas, Ballin- asloe, . . .	1
1842	Higgins, J. Donaghadee,	2
1815	Hill, John, Castlebar, .	1
1822	Hobart, N. Killesandra,	1
1831	Hoey, W. 1st, Lisburn,	3
1840	Hoey, W. 2d, Dungannon,	2
1820	Holmes, John, Carlow,	3
1830	Hughes, Jas. Aughnacloy,	2
1835	Hughes, John, Tralee,	2
1840	Huston, A. *Sup.* Strabane.	
1829	Huston, R. Enniskillen,	3
1845	Hutchison, J., Bandon,	1
1806	Irvine, John C. *Super.* Ballyshannon.	
1815	Jebb, John, Manorham- ilton, . . .	1
1809	Johnston, E., 1st, *Sup.* Belfast, South.	
1845	Johnston, E. 2nd, New- townbarry, . .	1
1808	Johnston, Jas. *Super.* Belfast, South.	
1846	Johnston, J. Castleblaney,	1
1849	Johnston, R. Strabane,	1
1847	Johnston, Saml. Lucan,	2
1840	Jones, R. G. Waterford,	2
1847	Kernahan, J. Castlebar,	2
1846	Keys, James, Kilkenny,	1
1806	Keys, W. *Sup.* Longford.	
1806	Kyle, S. *Super.* Bally- shannon.	

		Yrs.
1794	Lanktree, M. *Super.* Belfast, South.	
1844	Lebert, W. B. Donegal,	1
1825	Le Maitre, F. P. Cork,	3
1834	Liddy, John, Fermoy,	3
1849	Lindsay, James, Ballyshannon, . . .	1
1827	Lindsay, R.H. Strabane,	2
1846	Long, M. Skibbereen, .	1
1844	Lough, W. Coleraine,	1
1801	Lougheed, T. *Super.* Tullamoore.	
1828	Lupton, W. Belfast N.	1
1808	Lynch, J. *Sup.* Leeds.	
1827	M'Afee, D. Dublin S.	1
1845	M'Clintock. J. Killesandra, . . .	1
1807	M'Cormick, C. *Super.* Ballina.	
1802	M'Cutcheon, Jas. *Super.* Omagh.	
1808	M'Dowell, S. *Super.* Donaghadee.	
1801	M'Elwain, Geo. *Sup.* Kingstown.	
1836	M'Garvey, Wm. Downpatrick, . . .	2
1848	M'Kay, C. Omagh, .	1
1840	M'Kay, J.W. Coleraine,	3
1845	M'Lorinan, T. Berehaven	1
1838	M'Millen, G. Londonderry, . . .	1
1841	M'Mullen, W. Cootehill,	2
1847	Magee, Geo. Dingle, .	1
1812	Masaroon, R. Kingstown,	2
1818	Mathews, J.F. Waterford	3
1846	Maxwell, R. Carlow, .	3
1828	Meredith, T. Limerick,	1
1837	Meyer, R. J. Longford,	3
1835	Moore, H. Lurgan, .	2
1844	Morrow, F. Tipperary,	1
1829	Mulloy, Wm. Longford,	2
1833	Murdock, Jas. Clonjordan, . . .	1
1824	Nash, J. Carrickfergus,	1
1809	Nelson, J. Maryborough,	1
1801	Nesbitt, John, *Super.* Enniskillen.	
1810	Noble, A. *Sup.* Dublin N.	
1841	Oliver, J. Ballyshannon,	1
1824	Patterson, J. Skibbereen	1
1823	Price, Henry, Cork, .	1
1810	Reilly, Wm. Dublin N.	1
1789	Ridgeway, Thos. Sup. Belfast North.	
1848	Robinson, J. H. Clones,	1
1803	Rogers, J. *Sup.* Clonjordan.	
1826	Saul, John, Tullamoore,	1
1835	Scott, R. Dublin South.	
1849	Shaw, Jas. Lisburn, .	1
1814	Stephens, Francis, Kilrush, . . .	1
1845	Stephens, Frederick, Dublin North, . .	1
1800	Stewart, W. Dublin S.	1
1843	Storey, J. C. Omagh, .	1
1824	Sullivan, J. Nenagh, &c.	1
1829	Tobias, J. Sligo, . .	1
1817	Tracy, R. T., Armagh,	1
1845	Twiss, A., Armagh, .	1
1835	Vance, G. Dublin, Nth.	1
1836	Wallace, R. Belfast, S.	1
1838	Walker, J. Kilkenny, .	1
1840	Waugh, J. S. Dublin, S.	1
1808	Waugh, John, *Super.* Dublin, South.	
1808	Waugh, Thomas, Cork,	1
1837	Whitaker, T. K., Maryborough, . . .	1
1832	Wilson, Jer., Newtownlimavaddy, . .	1
1828	Williams, J. Belfast, S.	1

MINUTES

OF

SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN

The Methodist Preachers

IN THE CONNEXION ESTABLISHED BY

HE LATE REV. JOHN WESLEY, A.M.,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

GUN IN DUBLIN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1850.

DUBLIN:
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1850.

MINUTES.

QUESTION I.

) are now admitted as Ministers into *full connexion* with Conference?

ANSWER.

Samuel Ferguson, James Bass,
Joseph Johnston, Mortlock Long,
Richard Maxwell, Charles Lynn Grant.

. What Preachers *remain on trial?*

1.) George Magee, Samuel Johnston.
Thomas William Baker,

Who have travelled *three years.*

2.) William Crook, jun. John Hiram Robinson,
John Dwyer, James Carey,
Edward Best, Colin M'Kay,
George Chambers, William Christie.

Who have travelled *two years.*

3.) Robert Johnston, Robert Collier.
James Shaw,

Who have travelled *one year.*

. What Preachers are now *received on trial?*

1. Thomas Andrew M'Kee, Thomas Pearson,
John Gilcriest, Robert Hazelton.
John Reid Porter,

Q. 4. What Preachers have *died* since last Conference?
A. The six following:—

(1.) MATTHEW LANKTREE.—In early life, while on a visit to some relations who were zealous members of the Methodist Society, he was deeply convinced of sin and yielding to the gracious Spirit of God, he sought for and soon found peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. He immediately united himself to the people by whose instrumentality he had been brought to the knowledge of the truth, and with the zeal which ever after distinguished him, began to speak to his neighbours and friends of the Saviour he himself had found. Not long after his conversion he felt persuaded that God had called him to engage in the work of the ministry, and having given satisfactory proof of that call in the numbers who were brought to God through his efforts, he was received on trial in the year 1794. His public ministrations were eminently spiritual, rich in evangelical truth, and accompanied by the unction of the Holy Ghost. He was diligent in his attention to pastoral duties, and was especially a son of consolation to the sick and the dying. In the social circle his conversation was godly, always aiming at the edification of the people; and of few ministers can it be said with more truth, he did "not run in vain, neither labour in vain." In his latter days, when a Supernumerary, as he had opportunity he sought to save souls, and his last ministerial act was to pray at the bedside of a poor man who was dying of cholera, shortly after which he died of the same fatal disease himself. Nearly his last words uttered while in the agonies of death, but in the calm triumph of faith, were "To die is gain." He died in Belfast, on the 14th July, 1849, in the 79th year of his age, and 55th of his ministry.

(2.) THOMAS LOUGHEED.—He was born at Riverstown in the County of Sligo, and in early life, through the Wesleyan Ministry, was deeply convinced of sin, and in the exercise of faith in the atonement of Christ obtained peace with God. Shortly after he commenced to preach, and in the year 1800 was called to devote himself to our ministry, in which he continued until, by growing infirmities, he was led in 1839, to retire into the position of a Supernumerary. He was a man of good understanding, genuine piety, clear views of our doctrines, and popular talents. He was an agreeable colleague, and a

steady friend. In his last illness he suffered much, but a short time before his end his sufferings abated, and he died in peace, expressing an unshaken confidence in the atonement of Christ, and a cheering sense of his acceptance with God; saying to a brother minister who visited him, as his last testimony "This is my belief, and my experience, 'By grace I am saved through faith, and that not of myself, it is the gift of God.'" He died near Portarlington, on the 10th day of December, 1849, in the 78th year of his age, and the 49th of his ministry.

(3.) JOHN CROZIER IRVINE, a native of the County Fermanagh, who having been accepted by the Conference as a probationer in 1806, exercised his ministry amongst us for 29 years, when he became a Supernumerary; and after enduring long continued affliction with patient resignation to the will of God, he departed in peace on the 7th of January, 1850, in the 77th year of his age.

(4.) JAMES M'CLINTOCK, who, a few weeks after he had arrived in the Killesandra Circuit, to which he was appointed by the last Conference, was incapacitated by illness for the work assigned to him; and after lingering for some months, finished his short course on the 19th of January, 1850, in the 32d year of his age, and fifth of his ministry. He was a laborious and useful man, and in death was graciously sustained by power from on high.

(5.) PATRICK FFRENCH, who in his youth, under the Methodist Ministry, became the subject of the converting grace of God. His fidelity and zeal as a public member of our society in Dublin, led his brethren to recommend him as a suitable Missionary for the West Indies, where he laboured with acceptance and usefulness for a period of nine years, when, because of the failure of his health, he was obliged to return to his native land, and there for two years longer continued in the full exercise of his ministry; but the effects of a foreign climate on his constitution compelled him to become a Supernumerary, and as such he was diligent in pastoral visitation, and in preaching, so far and so long as his strength permitted. He was a useful preacher, was constant in his attendance upon the ordinances of the house of God, and was exemplary in th

discharge of the duties which devolved upon him. The period of his last illness was one of great suffering, but of Christian triumph. He died at Balbriggan, in the Drogheda Circuit, on the 5th of March, 1850, in the 75th year of his age, and 32nd of his ministry.

(6.) WILLIAM GUARD, who was born in Mountrath, in the Queen's County. Being taught the fear of the Lord in early youth, when about 16 years of age he was thoroughly convinced of his lost condition as a sinner and after suffering deep mental anguish, he was enabled to rest his soul on the atonement of the Son of God, and, believing, obtained life through his name. Constrained by the love of Christ, he now commenced to call the sinners around him to repentance, and with an encouraging degree of success. It was soon made evident that the divine Head of the Church had called him to preach the Gospel; and accordingly, having passed through the usual examinations, he was appointed to a Circuit in 1821, but for the greater part of his ministerial life he laboured as an Irish Missionary. He was strongly attached to Wesleyan Methodism in doctrine and discipline, and was uniformly distinguished for piety, simplicity, and strict integrity. His preaching was clear, evangelical, practical, and in most instances manifestly attended with the unction from the Holy Ghost. As a Christian and a Minister he was much beloved. His death was mysteriously sudden, retiring to rest on the night of April 6, 1850, in his usual health and spirits, he was seized, about one o'clock in the morning, with a fit of apoplexy, and having faintly articulated a few words, after an interval of three hours spent without much apparent suffering, he entered into the joy of his Lord in the 52nd year of his age, and 29th of his ministry.

Q. 5. Are there any objections to any of our Ministers, or Preachers on trial?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. Who, having been in full connexion with the Conference, have retired from our work?

A. William Butler, John H. Boyd, and Andrew Huston.

Q. 7. How shall our Ministers, and Preachers on trial, be stationed for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz.—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin South, Centenary Chapel, &c.*, Daniel M'Afee, Joseph W. M'Kay, James Hutchison; Robinson Scott, Governor and Chaplain of the Wesleyan Connexional School; William Ferguson, William Stewart, John Waugh, Arthur Noble, Thomas Beamish, James S. Waugh, *Supernumeraries.*

2 *Dublin North, Abbey Street Chapel, &c.*, William P. Appelbe, LL.D., Robert Huston, John Duncan; Henry Deery, Michael Burrows, *Supernumeraries.*

3 *Kingstown*, Robert Masaroon; George M'Elwain, George Burrows, *Supernumeraries.*

4 *Drogheda*, William Cather, John Carey.

5 *Wicklow*, Henry J. Giles, who is to reside in Rathdrum, John Hazelton, who is to reside in Arklow.

ROBERT MASAROON, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6 *Waterford*, John Holmes, Robert G. Jones.

7 *Carlow*, William Reilly, Colin M'Kay; Robert Banks, *Supernumerary*,

8 *Newtownbarry*, Robert Bamford, Edward Johnston, 2d.

9 *Wexford*, Edward M. Banks, George Magee.

WILLIAM REILLY, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

10 *Cork*, John Greer, Anketell M. Henderson; Joshua Harman, *Supernumerary.*

Queenstown, James B. Gillman, *Supernumerary.*

11 *Bandon*, Henry Price, Frederick Stephens—Thomas Waugh.

12 *Skibbereen*, Robert Bruce, Mortlock Long.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

13 *Limerick*, Thomas Meredith, John Donald.
14 *Roscrea*, John Williams, William Crook, jun.
15 *Cloughjordan*, James Murdock; John Rogers, *Supernumerary.*

N.B—Letters for Brother Murdock to be directed to Borrisokane.

THOMAS MEREDITH, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMOORE DISTRICT.

16 *Tullamoore*, William Crook, John Saul,
17 *Athlone*, William Lough.
18 *Maryborough*, John Nelson, Richard Maxwell.
19 *Longford*, William Mulloy, Thomas K. Whitaker; William Keys, *Supernumerary.*

WILLIAM CROOK, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

20 *Sligo*, James Tobias, George Vance.
21 *Castlebar*, John Hill.
22 *Ballina*, John H. Atkins, Robert Johnston; Charles M'Cormick, *Supernumerary.*
23 *Boyle*, John Bagley.

JOHN HILL, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

24 *Clones*, James Black, Alexander Twiss.
25 *Cootehill*, Robert Hamilton, Samuel Johnston.
26 *Killesandra*, Nathaniel Hobart, John C. Storey.

N. B.—Letters for Brother Storey to be directed to Newtowngore.

27 *Castleblaney and Monaghan*, James Donald, John Gilbert.
28 *Aughnacloy*, James Hughes.

JAMES HUGHES, Chairman of the District.

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

29 *Enniskillen*, James Patterson, William Browne; Robert Crozier, John Nesbitt, *Supernumeraries.*
30 *Brookborough*, Samuel Cowdy, John Gilcriest.
31 *Manorhamilton*, Frederick Elliott, Joseph Johnston.
32 *Lowtherstown*, William G. Campbell, William Hoey, 1st; William Douglas, *Supernumerary.*
33 *Ballyshannon and Pettigo*, Robert Bell, John Reid Porter; Samuel Kyle, *Supernumerary*, who resides in Pettigo.

JAMES PATTERSON, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

34 *Londonderry*, Gibson M'Millen, John Dwyer.
35 *Strabane*, Robert H. Lindsay, William Christie; William Finlay, *Supernumerary.*
36 *Omagh*, Robert J. Meyer, Thomas Pearson; James M'Cutcheon, Robert Carson, *Supernum.*

ROBERT H. LINDSAY, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

37 *Belfast South, Donegall Square Chapel, &c.*, Thomas Ballard, John Oliver; Edward Johnston, 1st, John Campbell, *Supernumeraries.*
38 *Belfast North, Frederick-street Chapel, &c.*, William Lupton, Benjamin Bayly; Thomas Ridgway, Samuel Downing, *Supernumeraries.*
39 *Ballyclare*, Robert Hewitt.
40 *Donaghadee*, John Armstrong, John Higgins, who resides in Newtownards; Samuel M'Dowell, who resides in Kirkcubbin, and Edward Cobain in Newtownards, *Supernumeraries.*
41 *Carrickfergus*, John Nash, who resides in Larne, Robert Beauchamp.
42 *Coleraine*, Wallace M'Mullen, James Bass.
43 *Magherafelt*, John Jebb, Thomas W. Baker.

44 *Lisburn*, Robert Wallace, Charles L. Grant; Willm Armstrong, *Supernumerary*.
45 *Downpatrick*, William M'Garvey, Robert Collier.

WILLIAM LUPTON, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

46 *Newry*, Edward Harpur, Thomas A. M'Kee.
47 *Dungannon*, William Hoey the 2nd, Robert Hazelton; Edward Hazelton, who resides in Moy, *Supernumerary*.
48 *Armagh*, Richard T. Tracy, Edward Best.
49 *Lurgan*, Hugh Moore, Robert G. Cather, A. M.
50 *Moira and Dromore*, John Liddy, who resides in Moira, Robert A. Devers.
51 *Tandragee*, John Foster, Henry M. Beale, A. B.; James Lynch, who resides in Gilford, *Super.*
52 *Portadown*, John F. Mathews, James Collier; James Johnston, *Supernumerary*.

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

IN THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Lucan & Trim*, William Burnside, James Shaw.

IN THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

2 *Kilkenny*, John Walker, George Chambers.
3 *Tipperary*, James Carey.

IN THE CORK DISTRICT.

4 *Youghal*, James Henry.
5 *Fermoy*, Frederick P. Le Maitre; John Harrington, *Supernumerary*, who resides in Mallow.
6 *Kinsale*, Robert Black.

7 *Berehaven Mines*, Thomas M'Lorinan.
8 *Kerry*, John Hughes.
Letters to be directed to Tralee.

IN THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

9 *Ballinasloe*, Thomas Hickey.
10 *Nenagh and Killaloe*, James Sullivan, Samuel Ferguson.
11 *Kilrush*, Francis Stephens.
12 *Galway*, Henry Geddes; William Cornwall, *Super.*

IN THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

13 *Belmullet & Erris*, John H. Robinson.

IN THE CLONES DISTRICT.

14 *Cavan*, Thomas Foster. One to be sent.
Letters to be directed to Belturbet.

IN THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

15 *Donegal*, William B. Lebert, Robert H. Campbell, who is to reside in Dunkaneely.

IN THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

16 *Ratkmelton*, Francis Morrow.
17 *Newtownlimavaddy*, Jeremiah Wilson.

IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

18 *Ballymena*, John Feely.

Q. 8. What is the Number of Members in our Societies?

A. Twenty-one thousand, one hundred and seven.

The Emigrations from our Society during the past year have amounted to One thousand and ninety-seven.

Q. 9. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Seven Hundred and Sixteen Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Nine Pence; and Twenty-two Pounds, Four Shillings and Four Pence.

Q. 10. What is the judgment of the Conference as to the Yearly Collection?

A. It is expected that, according to our established Rule, *this Fund shall at least* be equal in each case to the preceding

year; and that every reduction be considered a deficiency in the Circuit where it may occur. The Conference earnestly recommends the adoption of all prudent and practicable means by our ministers and friends for the purpose of sustaining and increasing that important fund, on the success of which so much depends in upholding and carrying forward the sacred work in which we are all so deeply interested and engaged.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the Collection towards the Education of the Preachers' Children?

A. Three Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds, Two Shillings and Seven Pence.

Q. 12. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. Two Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds, Eleven Shillings, and One Penny.

Q. 13. What is the amount of the Chapel Fund Collection?

A. Three Hundred and Forty Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Five Pence.

When the Chapel Fund was first instituted, it was hoped that the Public Collections, together with the Subscriptions in the Classes, would amount to a sum equal, on the average, to One Penny per Month, for every member in Society; but from a comparison of the number of members with the annual amount of income, it obviously appears that it has fallen far short of this reasonable expectation; for whilst a few of the Circuits, by a gradual improvement, have met, or nearly met, their full proportion, most of them have done comparatively little, notwithstanding their exemption from applications for the Building or relief of Chapels, beyond the limits of their own Circuits. It is therefore recommended, that in future no Circuit shall be exempted from such applications, unless it raise annually, at least, one half the sum required by the original Rule of the Institution. Even such an increase would greatly augment the good designed to be effected by means of the Chapel Fund.

☞ To this notification the Conference earnestly requests particular attention.

Q. 14. What is the amount of the Missionary Collection?

A. Four Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-one Pounds, Six Shillings and Two Pence.

Q. 15. How many Wives and Children are to be provided

for this year; and what is the amount expected from the Circuits to assist in providing the increased allowance to the Superannuated Preachers and Widows?

A. Seventy-three Wives, one hundred and fifty-five Children for Maintenance, and sixty Children for Education; and Three Hundred and Twelve Pounds, Nineteen Shillings, and Four Pence, for the Superannuated Preachers and the Widows.

Q. 16. How are the sums necessary for these purposes to be made up?

A. By the several districts in the following proportions, aided by the Contingent Fund* by the sums annexed:—

DISTRICTS.	Number in Society.	Amount for the support of Wives, Maintenance and Education of Children, &c.			Grants from the Contingent Fund.
		£	s.	d.	£
1 Dublin	1833	252	0	9	145
2 Waterford.....	946	130	1	6	130
3 Cork	1012	139	3	0	56
4 Limerick.....	573	78	15	9	50
5 Tullamoore.....	695	95	11	3	95
6 Sligo	743	102	3	3	106
7 Clones.....	1437	197	11	9	226
8 Enniskillen.....	3559	489	7	3	347
9 Londonderry....	1302	179	0	6	149
10 Belfast.	3657	502	16	9	314
11 Newry.....	3021	415	7	9	258
	18778	£2581	19	6	£1876

The sum of £38 16s. 4d. will be expected from 2329 members on the Mission Stations, being their proportion towards the arrangement for the Superannuated Preachers and Widows.

N.B.—If any Circuit return a deficiency of its proportion of the above applotment, the amount of such deficiency shall be deducted from the portion of the Contingent Fund, which shall, the following year, be allotted to the District in which such Circuit is situate.

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* The sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-six Pounds is the amount of the Contingent Fund, which it is estimated will be disposable at the Conference of 1851, which has been divided among the Districts according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting the demands upon them, which arrangement shall be final for the year.

Q. 17. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting the improvement of our Circuit Finances?

A. 1st. That we have heard with much satisfaction of the efforts made on some Circuits, during the past year, to improve the circumstances of the Preachers and their Families, by increased attention to our established Collections.

2nd. The Conference recommends the Superintendents and their colleagues, with the affectionate co-operation of the Stewards and Leaders, to persevere in prudently and legitimately employing such means as may improve the local income of their respective Circuits.

3rd. The Chairmen of Districts, at the May District Meetings, shall make inquiry what has been done, which shall be reported at the next Conference.

Q. 18. Who are the Building Committee, without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no Chapel or Preacher's dwelling, whether large or small, is to be erected, altered, purchased, or enlarged, during the year?

A. William Stewart, William Ferguson, *Secretary*, Joseph W. M'Kay, *Assistant-Secretary*, Thomas Waugh, Robert Masaroon; with Messrs. Abraham Briscoe, Arthur Jones, Isaac Farrell, and Henry Banks.

Letters to be directed to the Rev. William Ferguson, 35, Camden Street, Dublin.

N. B.—Although the Conference is desirous of encouraging every prudent effort to provide suitable Chapel accommodation, and dwellings for the families of the Preachers, nevertheless, in order to prevent a recurrence of the embarrassments arising from Building speculations, every Superintendent is solemnly charged to see that the directions contained in the preceding Minute be strictly attended to; and if he suffer an expenditure on his Circuit of more than £20 on any single building, for any of the above purposes, or any additional outlay beyond the original contract, without the explicit sanction of the Building Committee previously obtained in writing; for such neglect of official duty, he shall forfeit at least two years of the time he has travelled in the Connexion, and be deemed incompetent for the office of Superintendent.

Q. 19. Who are the Committee appointed as Trustees for Testamentary or other Deeds, relating to Donations, for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion?

A. William Ferguson, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, John F. Mathews, William Crook, Robert Bruce, Robert

Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, and Henry Price, the receipt of any one or more of whom shall be sufficient for any bequest.

Q. 20. Who are the Missionary Committee?

A. William Stewart, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John Carey, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, John Greer, and Daniel M'Afee; together with the following thirteen gentlemen—Abraham Briscoe, of Dublin; Henry M. Banks, of Carlow; William M'Arthur, of Londonderry; Thomas A. Shillington, of Portadown; James M. Lynn, M.D., Markethill; William Hamilton, William M'Connell, and Samuel Hunter, of Belfast; Henry Shillington, jun., Aghagallon; Joseph T. Boyd, Larne; Archibald M'Elwain, Coleraine; Bennett M'Garry, Lisburn; and Andrew Green, Ballyshannon.

N.B.—The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the moneys raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer, the first week in December, March, and June; also the yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 21. Who shall compose the District Missionary Deputations for the ensuing year?

A. *Dublin*.....Robert Masaroon, Joseph W. M'Kay.
Waterford.....William Reilly, Robert Huston.
Cork. .....John Greer, Frederick Stephens.
Limerick.....John Williams, John Donald.
Tullamoore.....William Crook, Richard Maxwell.
Sligo.....John Hill, George Vance.
Clones.....James Hughes, William G. Campbell.
Enniskillen.....James Patterson, Robert Bell.
Londonderry...Robert H. Lindsay, John Dwyer.
Belfast.....John F. Mathews, Benjamin Bayly.
Newry.....William Lupton, John Feely.

Q. 22. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, James Sullivan, William Cather; William Crook, and Abraham Briscoe, Esq. of Dublin, Trea-

surers; John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee; William Ferguson, Secretary to the Building Committee; together with eleven brethren, not being Ministers, one from each District.

Q. 23. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our Connexional Funds?

A. 1. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, Henry Price, Secretary, and John Saul, Assistant-Secretary of the Contingent Fund.

2. William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masaroon, Secretary, and William Cather, Assistant Secretary of the Worn-out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Auxiliary Fund, and of the Methodist Ministers' Annuitant Society, commonly called the Legalized Fund.

3. William Crook, and Abraham Briscoe, Esq., of Dublin, Treasurers; and John Nelson, Secretary of the Chapel Fund.

4. Walter Oke Croggon, 28, Lower Gloucester-street, Dublin, General Treasurer of the Missionary Fund.

Q. 24. Who are the Committee appointed to review the concerns of the Wesleyan Connexional School in Dublin, at the ensuing Conference?

A. William Crook, John Nelson, Robert Bruce, John Carey, John F. Mathews, Henry Price, Robert H. Lindsay, Thomas Meredith, William Lupton, James Tobias, William Cather, James Hughes, and Richard T. Tracy; together with the following gentlemen:—John Barrett, Henry Webster, George Bagnell, J. B. Doyle, of Dublin; George Studdert, of Roscrea; James Swanton, of Skibbereen; Henry Shillington, of Aghagallon, Lisburn; William J. Paul, of Portadown; with the Trustees, who are ex officio members.

Q. 25. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting any proposed alterations in our laws and usages?

A. We recur to the Minute of 1795 on this subject, "That no such change shall be made, unless first proposed and agreed to in full Conference."

Q. 26. What shall be done to prevent unauthorized persons, being, or claiming to be, connected with the Methodist Societies, from preaching in our Congregations?

A. The Conference directs the republication of the following extract from the Minutes of the year 1807: "No stranger, either from America or elsewhere, shall be suffered to preach *in any* of our places of worship, unless he come fully accre-

lited; if an itinerant Preacher, by having his name entered on the Minutes of the Conference of which he is a member; and if a Local Preacher, by a recommendatory note from his Superintendent."

Q. 27. What does the Conference determine on the subject of Catechumen Classes and the pastoral care of the young?

A. 1. That we have heard with much satisfaction that the recommendation of the Conference has been carried into successful operation on various circuits in the past year.

2. That we recommend a continuance of such efforts on each circuit to promote a work of so much acknowledged importance, and that classes of young persons of twelve years old and upwards be formed, for whose instruction the preachers shall be responsible, they employing such agents as may be deemed necessary to co-operate with them.

3. The Chairmen of Districts are directed to make inquiry at their Annual District Meetings in May as to the observance of this recommendation, and record the number of classes and children on each Circuit.

Q. 28. What measures can we adopt for the increase of spiritual religion among our Societies and Congregations, and the extension of vital godliness throughout the land?

A. The Conference directs, that the extract found in our printed Minutes for 1821, chiefly copied from the British Minutes of the preceding year, and subsequently published in the Rules and Regulations for conducting our District Meetings, shall be read by the Chairman at the August District Meeting; and its several particulars then made the subject of solemn thought and devout conversation among the brethren, that the whole, so far as practicable, may be brought into actual operation.

N.B.—A copy of the Rules and Regulations, referred to above, shall be supplied to every Chairman in due time.

Q. 29. What shall be done to ensure a more correct and regular return of the number of Members in Society, and of the state of the several Circuits?

A. 1st. The printed Schedules shall be filled up in every class at the time of the renewal of Tickets, afterwards carefully examined at the Circuit Quarterly Meetings, and then transmitted by the Superintendents to the Chairmen of their respective Districts.

2d. Each Superintendent shall produce for consideration a complete plan of the preaching places on his Circuit, and their distances from each other, at the May District Meeting, that the whole may be brought under special review, at the meeting of the Committee of Chairmen, preparatory to the Conference.

Q. 30. What are the regulations of Conference respecting the members of Society removing from one Circuit to another?

A. 1st. When any of the members of our Society shall remove from one Circuit to another, a certificate in each case shall be furnished to the person removing, sealed and directed to the Superintendent of the Circuit to which the party is about to remove. At the same time a note shall be sent to the Superintendent by post, informing him of the person so removing.

2nd. Each Superintendent shall be required to keep a list of the names of the persons leaving his Circuit, with an account of the places to which they remove, together with the date of each letter sent to the Superintendent; the list to be produced at the May District Meeting, and brought by the Chairman to the Conference.

Q. 31. What is the judgment of the Conference on the subject of giving testimonials to Ministers, or Preachers on trial, who may leave the Irish Connexion with a design to unite themselves to other communities, whether in this country or elsewhere?

A. It is deemed highly inexpedient that testimonials of this kind should be given by any of our brethren in his own name; and it is hereby directed that no one shall furnish an official testimonial recommending a person to the ministry in another community until the case of such person shall have been examined and determined by the Conference.

Q. 32. What are the regulations of the Conference respecting young men on trial as Candidates for admission into full connexion with our body?

A. 1st. The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, all proposed as candidates for our Ministry, but also to return minutely in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings, after such examination, of their health, piety, moral character

ministerial abilities, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our discipline, and freedom from debt, as well as from all other secular incumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any candidate shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may be forthwith copied, if the Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into the book provided for that purpose.

2nd. The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a Sermon every year, at their respective District Meetings, during the period of their probation; and the judgment of the District Meetings respecting those sermons shall be recorded in their Minutes.

3rd. The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every May District Meeting, examine every Preacher on trial respecting the course of theological reading which he has pursued throughout the preceding year. For this purpose every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District a list of the books which he has read during the year. These lists shall be laid before the Meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving the junior Preachers such advices and directions, respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

4th. Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, *in addition to the other examinations* required by our existing Rules; and no Preacher shall be recommended unless the result of his examination be satisfactory to the Meeting.

N.B.—The closest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every Candidate for the Ministry amongst us; as no one can be received as a Preacher into our connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the Book of God. The attention of the Chairman is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of the District Meetings.

Q. 33. What is the direction of the Conference respecting the minutes of our District Meetings?

A. The Chairmen of Districts are required to procure two *complete copies of* the minutes of the May Annual District *Meetings, written* on foolscap paper, and duly signed by th *Chairman and* Secretary. One of these copies shall be

served for the use of the Chairman, and the other de
to the Secretary of the Conference at the Meeting of Ch
men of Districts preparatory to the Conference.

Q. 34. Who are the Representatives to the British C
ference?

A. Thomas Waugh, John F. Mathews, William P. A
pelbe, LL. D.

Q. 35. When shall the Financial District Meetings be h

A. In the third week in August.

Q. 36. When shall the District Meetings preparatory
the ensuing Conference be held?

A. In the first, or, at the latest, in the second week
May.

Q. 37. When shall the Committees meet preparatory t
the ensuing Conference?

A. As follows, viz.:—1. The Committee of Chairmen o
Districts, on Friday, the 20th of June, 1851, at Twelv
o'clock, Noon. 2. The Chapel Fund Committee, on Satur
day the 21st of June, 1851, at Ten o'clock A.M. 3. The
Committee of Review of the Wesleyan Connexional Scho
in Dublin, on Saturday, the 21st of June, 1851, at Seven
o'clock, P.M. 4. The Stationing Committee, on Monday
the 23rd of June, 1851, at Ten o'clock A.M. 5. The Mis
sionary Committee, on Tuesday, the 24th of June, 1851, a
Twelve o'clock, noon.

N.B.—The Secretary, Brother John F. Mathews, is required
attend these Committees, for the purpose of preparing the nec
sary documents for the Conference.

Q. 38. When and where shall our next Conference
held?

A. In Belfast, commencing on Wednesday, the 25th
June, 1851, at Six o'clock A.M.

N.B.—It is directed that special attention be given to the r
that no Circuit be left without a Preacher during the sitting
Conference; and those Preachers who remain on the Circuits s
not remove, until officially notified of the confirmation of the
tions for the ensuing year. The Chairmen of Districts shall
responsible for the observance of this rule.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

THOMAS JACKSON, PRESIDE
JOHN F. MATHEWS, SECRET

DUBLIN, 5TH JULY, 1850.

GENERAL RECAPITULATION

:BER OF MEMBERS and MINISTERS in the Wesleyan :ts Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, according :inutes of the British Conference for 1849.

Members in Great Britain, . .			348,274
land, ...			22,221
Forign Stations, . . .			97,746
:r of Members under the care of the :d Irish Conferences, . . .			468,241
:e number of regular Ministers, and :s on Trial, and those who are Supernu- :d Superannuated, is as follows; viz., *'ritain,*			
, ...		918	
)ernumerary and Superannuated, .		184	
s on Trial, . . .		105	
			1,207
, ...		84	
)ernumerary and Superannuated, .		34	
s on Trial, . . .		20	
s, viz.,—			
:rs, . . .	21		
Supernumerary, . .	2		
ers on Trial, . .	2		
		25	
			163
:ign Stations,			
), ...		324	
pernumerary and Superannuated, .		10	
)n Trial, ...		66	
			400
. . . . .		.	1,770
Members under the care of the *Wesleyan* :ce *in Canada,* in connection with the :onference, ...			24,268
Ministers belonging to the *Wesleyan* :ce *in Canada* in connexion with the :onference, . . .		115	
nerary and Superannuated, .		21	
			136

CIRCUITS.	No. in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Fund.			Annuity Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Book Fund.		
1 Dublin, South	365	61	2	6	37	15	0	25	1	6	25	19	6	25	19	6
2 Dublin, North	746	56	13	6	38	0	0	14	2	6	14	15	0	14	15	0
3 Kingstown	56	6	15	0	6	0	0	3	3	6	7	18	6	7	18	6
4 Drogheda	296	29	0	0	8	18	0	2	10	6	8	3	6	8	3	6
5 Wicklow	309	10	10	0	6	10	0	1	11	6	7	18	6	7	18	6
6 Waterford	223	19	4	0	9	11	1	6	2	6	10	6	0	10	6	3
7 Carlow	246	17	0	0	7	7	11	7	8	6	5	7	0	5	7	0
8 Newtownbarry	314	9	15	0	3	5	0	1	11	6	5	11	0	5	11	0
9 Wexford	174	12	0	0	6	0	0	1	11	6	7	7	0	7	7	0
10 Cork	360	36	2	0	10	13	6	15	9	6	15	14	7	15	14	7
Queenstown	35	2	8	0	1	8	0	1	11	6	2	7	0	2	7	0
11 Bandon	367	36	13	6	12	6	0	12	8	6	18	12	0	18	12	0
12 Skibbereen	250	13	4	0	3	0	0	2	2	6	3	0	4	3	0	4
13 Tralee	73	4	0	0	1	11	0	1	11	6	1	4	0	1	4	0
14 Limerick	343	29	0	0	6	5	0	8	4	6	10	4	0	10	4	0
15 Roscrea	165	12	5	6	6	4	7	2	9	6	8	6	4	8	6	4
16 Clonghjordan	102	4	2	0	2	4	6	1	11	6	2	8	0	2	8	0
17 Tullamore	214	9	0	0	3	10	0	1	12	6	4	0	0	4	0	0
18 Athlone	115	4	1	6	1	10	0	1	13	6	1	18	0	1	18	0
19 Maryborough	198	8	0	0	3	0	0	2	10	6	3	10	0	3	10	0
20 Longford	170	7	2	6	3	5	0	1	11	6	4	0	0	4	0	0
21 Sligo	480	12	0	0	5	8	0	3	0	6	7	10	0	7	10	0
22 Castlebar	56	4	0	0	2	18	0	1	11	6	3	0	0	3	0	0
23 Ballina	122	4	5	0	3	2	4	1	11	6	3	10	0	3	10	0
24 Boyle	151	2	19	0	3	1	4	2	10	6	1	10	0	1	10	0
25 Clones	300	2	6	6	1	15	0	1	11	6	1	10	0	1	10	0
26 Cootehill	295	4	10	0	2	6	0	1	11	6	2	4	0	2	4	0
27 Killesandra	356	3	8	6	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	0	0	1	0	0
28 Castleblaney, &c.	259	4	13	6	1	6	4	1	11	6	2	11	1	2	11	1
29 Aughnacloy	232	2	14	0	1	12	0	1	11	6	1	4	6	1	4	6
30 Enniskillen	761	9	0	4	4	11	0	1	11	6	5	10	0	5	10	0
31 Brookborough	641	6	0	0	2	10	7	1	11	6	4	0	0	4	0	0
32 Manorhamilton	660	3	12	6	1	5	0	1	11	6	1	9	0	1	9	0
33 Lowtherstown	1007	7	0	0	1	10	5	1	11	6	2	0	0	2	0	0
34 Ballyshannon, &c.	490	4	4	6	2	1	5	1	11	6	1	13	0	1	13	0
35 Londonderry	270	14	0	0	7	2	6	6	7	10	10	5	0	10	5	0
36 Strabane	440	5	1	6	3	0	0	1	11	6	2	1	0	2	1	0
37 Omagh	592	6	16	10	1	18	6	1	11	6	2	5	6	2	5	6
38 Belfast, South	610	36	5	10	21	0	0	13	0	0	12	6	0	12	6	0
39 Belfast, North	733	27	10	0	25	0	0	8	14	0	12	15	0	12	15	0
40 Ballyclare	242	4	10	0	3	0	2	1	11	6	3	2	6	3	2	6
41 Donaghadee	533	8	10	0	6	0	0	1	11	6	5	10	0	5	10	0
42 Carrickfergus	236	6	17	0	9	6	11	1	11	6	6	9	0	6	9	0
43 Coleraine	299	8	5	4	6	9	3	2	4	0	6	0	0	6	0	0
44 Magherafelt	362	4	5	0	2	10	0	1	11	6	3	2	10	3	2	10
45 Lisburn	358	6	6	0	3	16	5	1	11	6	4	0	0	4	0	0
46 Downpatrick	282	2	0	0	1	17	6	1	11	6	1	9	0	1	9	0
47 Newry	250	6	0	0	2	3	1	1	11	6	3	12	6	3	12	6
48 Dungannon	388	6	10	0	2	14	4	2	0	0	3	16	0	3	16	0
49 Armagh	490	8	0	0	3	3	10	1	12	6	3	2	6	3	2	6
50 Lurgan	451	6	5	0	5	5	0	2	10	0	3	18	0	3	18	0
51 Moira & Dromore	510	5	8	6	5	18	1	1	12	6	2	13	0	2	13	0
52 Tandragee	374	4	0	0	4	9	0	1	11	6	3	14	0	3	14	0
53 Portadown	549	14	6	5	10	18	7	8	19	0	14	18	11	14	18	11
MISSIONARY STATIONS.																
1 Lucan and Trim	150	1	15	0	1	5	0	1	11	6	1	10	0			
2 Kilkenny	215	6	3	0	2	7	2	1	11	6	4	8	6			
3 Tipperary	23	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	2	6	0	5	0			
4 Youghal	85	3	10	0	1	13	6	1	11	6	3	5	0			
5 Fermoy	72	5	0	0	2	16	0	1	11	6	3	12	0			
6 Kinsale	102	3	5	0	1	1	6	1	11	6	1	1	9			
7 Berehaven Mines	57	1	8	6	1	6	3	0	18	6	1	6	9			
8 Dingle	37	0	11	0	0	3	0	0	1	9	0	2	6			
9 Ballinasloe	75	2	10	0	1	0	0	1	11	6	1	10	0			
10 Nenagh & Killaloe	103	2	2	0	1	10	0	1	11	6	1	10	0			
11 Kilrush	40	2	0	0	1	6	9	0	15	9	2	0	0			
12 Galway	97	2	0	0	1	12	6	1	11	6	2	2	0			
13 Belmullet and Erris	49	0	16	0	0	4	0	0	4	6	0	4	0			
14 Cavan	186	3	0	0	0	19	0	1	11	6	2	17	0			
15 Donegal	591	6	0	0	1	15	8	1	11	6	2	0	0			
16 Rathmelton	100	1	0	0	0	8	0	1	1	6	0	14	0			
17 Newtownlimavaddy	68	1	5	6	0	15	0	1	11	6	0	15	0			
18 Ballymena	201	2	12	6	1	11	0	1	11	6	2	2	0			
Total	21107	716	16	9	347	2	7	239	11	1	340					

GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr.	£	s.	d
To Grant from British Contingent Fund,	650	0	0
— Grant from Book Room,	400	0	0
— Amount of Yearly Collection, £717 8 9 and 22 4 4	739	12	1
— Cash per Rev. W. O. C.	150	0	0
— Donation from a Friend in London,	8	0	0
— Do. per Rev. John Hughes,	2	0	0
— Do. per Rev. J. Jebb,	0	15	10
— Do. per Rev. J. Oliver,	1	0	0
— Balance due the Treasurer,	128	1	6
	£2079	8	7

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Grant to Districts, according to arrangements of last year,	1850	0	0
— Circuit deficiencies,	44	2	3
— Miscellanies,	144	3	0
— Grants to Circuits for Furniture,	44	0	0
— Extra aid to Circuits,	27	3	4
	£2079	8	7

Dublin, July 5th, 1850.

N.B.—The sum of £10 1s. 8d., the interest on the Legacy of the late Mrs. Deaves, has been transmitted to the Wesleyan Ministers Annuity Society Fund.

The Annual Address

OF THE

IRISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

AFTER a year of mercy and of judgment, we are en through the power and providence of God, to assemble in in our Annual Conference, to join in prayer and praise solemn and hallowed feelings, and to unite in fraternal ration with a delightful persuasion of the *presence*, a earnest desire for the *guidance*, of the great Head of the c

We embrace the opportunity thus presented, to ter you the cordial and unanimous expression of our respe brotherly love.

. Our gratitude to the Divine Ruler of nations for publi and security, was especially excited during the reading instructive and consolatory reply to our last Address, in you refer to the alarming state of our country at that and the uncertainty hanging over the circumstances of ou Annual Meeting: *then* our Representatives hastened fr to join their families, under the most painful anxiety as issue, in relation to them, of the reported outburst of reb *now* we and they adore Him "which stilleth the noise seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the p

You will believe that our sense of your generous

affectionate sympathy always insures our most respectful
ntion to the wise counsels and warm sentiments of regard
m year to year expressed by you; but your answer, now
d, claims particular acknowledgment, suggesting as it does,
he pertinence of its topics, and the kindliness of its tone,
w fully and cordially our interests and our difficulties are
your minds and upon your hearts. We *are* cheered at this
sh indication of the strength of that connexional affection by
ich we are bound together, not only historically, doctrinally,
d ecclesiastically, but with a vital union of reciprocal love,
d as both pursuing one object,—the glory of the Redeemer
the salvation of men; and if this, our single purpose, is,
strumentally, promoted by *us* in Ireland upon its present
ale, it is owing, in a very important sense, under our com-
on Lord, to *your* practical kindness.

We look upon it as a remarkable instance of the care of
im "in whose hand our breath is," that, amidst prevailing
sease and death, not one engaged in the full work of the
inistry has been called away during the year.

Two of our venerated Fathers, whose names stood on our
pernumerary list, each at the advanced age. of eighty-two
ars, and who had laboured long and successfully in the vine-
rd of the Lord, have passed from earth to heaven. Three
hers are obliged, by increasing infirmities, to retire from the
tive toils of the ministry.

Nine approved Ministers, having completed their time of
obation, have been solemnly ordained before many witnesses.
ur young men, cordially recommended by their respective
istrict Meetings, and unanimously approved by the Confer-
ce, have been accepted as candidates for our ministry; and
ree of them sent into Circuits.

You are sadly familiar with those complicated and chronic
ils that, in their combined operation, produce such misery
d degradation in Ireland. The deep-seated source and cause
our sorrow and shame—antichristian error—still holds domi-
n over the greater portion of the population of our beloved,
t unhappy, country, disturbs all social and political relations;
d gives its sanction and its form to the ungodliness and
ckedness of the millions whom it darkens, corrupts, and
laves.

We see around us a naturally fine and intelligent race, upon

whom Popery has impressed its character, into whom it has instilled its principles, and from whom it has extracted the intellectual and moral life-blood; incapacitating them, as a people, not only for the holy pleasures and employments of eternity, but, in a great degree, for self-dependence, civil liberty, and the useful and remunerating occupations of time.

By the Truth made free, identified with you in character and affection, and called as you are to preach that Gospel which alone "maketh us to differ" from those who reject it, we are Irishmen still, and warmly love our deluded countrymen. We have, therefore, on their behalf, "great heaviness, and continual sorrow in our hearts." Ireland is evidently suffering under the Divine displeasure; but she is also undergoing a social change which, we think, is already beginning to operate to the production of other changes of more than secular importance. Some of the chief obstructions to our present success, and the causes of our numerical decrease, arise out of this transition state, in which judicial infliction is, we believe, combined with ulterior purposes of mercy. And as the blast that threatens to extinguish the flame burning feebly amongst fuel not yet wholly dry, gradually absorbs the moisture, and soon creates far more favourable conditions of combustion, so, we would hope, will the blast of Divine visitation ultimately, and not remotely, produce a better and more accessible state of the Romam Catholic mind in Ireland.

Methodism is eminently adapted to evangelize this land, and is called to be foremost in entering every open door. We feel our deep responsibility at this eventful period, not only in reference to the nominally Protestant minority, but to the great Roman Catholic majority of our unconverted fellow-subjects; and if we just now hesitate to alter our position by a more direct aggression upon Romanism than is involved in our existing itinerant usages, zealously prosecuted, it is not from fear of consequences, but because we cannot hope that the good *we* seek would result from any effort more prominently polemical in its character. Knowing Methodism to be of God, and having confidence towards Him that He will maintain his own cause, we do not so much desire to controvert as to evangelize. We have always, indeed, anticipated opposition, because the assertion of truth includes the denial of error; and we have not shrunk from controversy when it became necessary

to engage in it; nor have we been unready "always to give an answer to every man that asketh us a reason of the hope that is in us;" but we aim so to preach Christ crucified, as to "draw men to Him," "that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Him." And we earnestly beseech you, dear Fathers and Brethren, to pray for us, "that we be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

Famine still wastes our population by thousands; pestilence has revisited our shores; all temporal interests are severely depressed; and emigration progresses on an enlarging scale. Although, from these and similar causes, we were led to fear a diminution of our numbers, the realization of this sad fact, in a decrease of 931 members, is not the less felt by us as a matter of humiliation and anxiety. By emigrations alone we have lost 1,165 from our societies: these were, in very many instances, our most devoted and influential office-bearers and members. Thousands of our accustomed and occasional hearers have also gone to other lands. Thus congregations and societies continue to be reduced or broken up; and though numbers of these emigrants will, we hope, be found united with other branches of our connexional family, the removal of so many in one year is a loss very partially supplied by the addition of 234 new members in the same period, after filling the chasms occasioned by death; and by the apathy, despondency, and guiltiness induced by severe privations. After searching inquiry, while we can thus, to some extent, account for continued, though happily diminished, numerical retrogression, we are far from being satisfied with our present position, or with our past zeal and diligence; and we do deeply abase ourselves before God, while with revived hope in his mercy we cry, "Save now, we beseech thee, O Lord; O Lord, we beseech thee, send now prosperity."

In common with our guilty nation,—though with many mitigations,—we and our people suffer under the general calamities, and are affected by them; but as a Christian community, we experience that "the Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble." We have had through the year manifest tokens of his gracious presence; in many Circuits there have been numerous conversions, in some an increase of members; the plan agreed on at the last Conference, of having

special District visitations for spiritual ends, resulted in great good to both Ministers and people; it attracted attention, and showed how practicable and effective street-preaching even now is when prosecuted in faith and charity. And there is a growing inclination in some of our Circuits to provide more adequately for Ministers and their families, and to contribute towards the extension of our borders.

We rejoice in the prosperity and increase of Methodism throughout England during the past year: it gladdens us, fills us with gratitude to the Lord of the harvest, and excites a still livelier hope that our God will extend mercy to us also, "to give us a reviving."

To promote the spiritual interests of the rising generation has always been viewed by us as a most important branch of our work. It is now of vital urgency. By the greatly-esteemed Minister who was our President last year,—The Rev. Samuel Jackson,—we were strongly encouraged to more systematic efforts: in many Circuits catechumen-classes have been organized, and we purpose to direct increased attention to this duty in the present year.

We feel it incumbent upon us to be assiduous in disseminating our valuable Periodicals, and our Wesleyan literature in general: this was a subject of grave and lengthened investigation during our session.

It is one of the many advantages of our union with you, that it brings to us, from your side of the Channel, such men as you annually send over to help us with their matured wisdom, and to edify us by their evangelical instructions. The presence, counsels, and powerful ministrations of our beloved and venerated President, the Rev. Robert Newton, D. D., have been more highly estimated by us, for many years, than we can express in words. Every succeeding visit serves to increase our regard for him, not only as an eminent Minister of Christ, but as a long-tried, faithful, and sympathizing friend.

The Rev. Joseph Fowler, your Secretary, in this his first visit to our shores, has won our sincere esteem and regard. The kind and earnest attention he directed to all our affairs, and the help he afforded by the application of his lucid mind to the cases of moment and intricacy that arose, demand our distinct acknowledgment.

Your Missionary Deputations, consisting of the Revs. Joseph

Stinson, Robert Inglis, William R. Williams, John Gostick, and William Moister, we received with respect and welcome. They rendered us efficient and very needful assistance in this time of peculiar depression.

We cannot omit again specially to notice the long and acceptable services of your highly-respected Superintendent of Missions and Schools, the Rev. Walter Oke Croggon. We hope you will accede to our unanimous request for his reappointment to an office, the arduous duties of which his abilities, habits, and experience qualify him so effectively to fulfil.

The Brethren whom we depute as our Representatives to your Conference this year, are the Revs. Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, and John Williams. They are conversant with all our affairs, and have our full esteem and confidence.

We now conclude, expressing our humble trust that, as a body of Ministers, we are increasingly alive to our solemn responsibility, more fervent in zeal, more instant in prayer, more athirst for entire sanctification, and more fully determined still to "endure hardness, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ." We are convinced that we could not be, throughout the world, that holy and useful ministry which the Lord has made us from the beginning, *with* or *by* any other distinctive creed than the one we preach. We feel it, indeed, to be incumbent on us, not only to adhere firmly to first principles, but to take heed unto ourselves that we leave not our first love. Should this occur, we are well aware that a mere creed would avail us little; but *that first love*, in its perpetuity, its essential, simple, and expansive intensity, its supplementary ecclesiastical arrangements, and its comprehensive adaptation to *man*, we trace up to the principle involved in the words of St. Paul, "So we preach, and so ye believed."

Cordially then approving of, and resolved to continue in, the doctrines and discipline of Methodism, and, by "looking unto Jesus," to experience and exemplify that true religion it so fully sets forth, after a session of much concord we separate, prayerfully hoping that this year our God will bless us, that we may be a blessing,

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Secretary.*

Cork, July 4th, 1849.

The Answer

OF THE

BRITISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

ON the first day of the largest Conference in which we have ever assembled, your fraternal and welcome Address was read with affectionate interest. Your circumstances during the year have been marked by various trial,—trial under which you and your beloved people have deeply suffered; but these sufferings only serve to render warmer the feelings of brotherly love which we shall ever cherish toward you. We could not fail to remark, that a special Providence seems to have cared for your lives, since, in a year of such mortality, not one in your ranks has fallen. This token of God's tenderness is, to us, cause of brotherly rejoicing, as to you it must be of lively encouragement. We would also gladly hope, that the fierceness of your trials is already over: the rebellion which menaced you has passed away; the famine, which has been repeated year after year, seems mercifully approaching a close; and we would fain trust that various indications promise to Ireland more favourable opportunities of rest and progress than she has been permitted to enjoy since politico-religious agitation cast into the hands of designing men the power to disquiet and mislead the great majority of her population. But, whatever may be the hope offered by the bounty of Providence,

▼ the prospect of political amelioration, we feel assured that ▸ you, and to your fellow-labourers of other Christian churches, ·e must look as the sole instrumentality of securing to Ireland ıat state of religious light upon which alone will rest the lessing that maketh rich, and added no sorrow therewith. ŧecent events, in various parts of nominal Christendom, testify mpressively that for real national happiness no solid basis can ıe found but national obedience to the Gospel of the Son of ɔod. If truth and holiness advance, confusion and misery nust assuredly recede; if truth and holiness decline, human ights and human remedies will vainly contend with the cor-ɾupt tendencies of our fallen nature, and the displeasure of our great Lord. To lead a people into ways that will please God, is the sole method of infallibly securing their highest temporal good; and we feel assured that from the late sufferings of your country, the zeal you have ever shown will gather fresh vigour, and that all the holy motives which urge and sustain you will henceforth be re-inforced by a conviction stronger than ever, that the servants of Christ must succeed, or your country must suffer.

Under these views, we enter with tender sympathy into your regrets, so suitably and touchingly expressed, that the past year has not yielded you an increase of members wherein to rejoice. That the causes to which you have alluded should exert upon your societies a depressing tendency, is inevitable. Yet, we would remind you, as you have often felt, that the chief source of your decrease, emigration, contains in itself much ground of encouragement. Your Roman Catholic population has long been pouring itself forth upon the shores of America, and has constituted a great religious danger both to many of our own colonies, and to the new commonwealth that has so suddenly risen to eminence in the West, threatening to deteriorate, or even subject and oppress, the scriptural Protestantism of these countries. It has pleased God that with emigrants from your societies should originate that religious movement which has, more than any other modern cause, tended to restrain the advance of Popery in the New World, and to pervade its rising communities with vital religion. *Looking, then, on the past,* you may reasonably hope that *the hundreds of Christian people who have departed from among your flocks* will carry with them a leaven which shall

hereafter re-appear, counter-working the leaven of wickedness, and pervading with all the elements of blessing most important branches of the human family.

That gracious increase with which our blessed Master has been pleased to favour us during the past year, would under any circumstances yield us exceeding gladness: amid various opposition from without, and no small effort to divide and perplex us from within, we have seen our work thriving, not in one, but in nearly every District of our Connexion; and at the close of the year we meet together to rejoice over souls added to our numbers. For this great mercy we would cherish a gratitude additional to all that is due on our own account, because we are persuaded that to you, our beloved brethren, it will afford joy in your affliction, and encouragement under the declension of your own numbers. Tokens of the divine favour resting on the parent body have ever a cheering effect on the various branches of our happy Wesleyan-Methodist family which are now distributed over the world. And we are assured that you, as the oldest and the most closely related of those branches, ever cherish a sympathy with us so intimate that our strength is your strength; and that had we been called to deplore this year a decrease of our members, you would have mourned and suffered with us.

We doubt not that your interest in our concerns has led you to watch with solicitude all that has transpired during the year as to the state of mutual affection existing amongst us. Probably the fear may have arisen in your minds that the wonderful unity and mutual love wherewith God has so long, by great and special mercy, favoured us as a body of Ministers, had at length failed, and that we were now brought to a condition of painful distrust and dissension. We confess, with pain, that persevering efforts have been made to reduce us to that condition; and as part of the policy of those making such efforts, was to create an impression of their own numbers, it is not impossible that our real state may have been misapprehended. You will gratefully receive, as we, thank God, can honestly give, the firm assurance that never did we witness more unquestionable tokens of fraternal oneness pervading the great mass of our Ministers, than we have witnessed during the present Conference. To you, at a distance, the almost unanimous character of our public acts will give sufficient

evidence that on points of essential principle no grave difference exists among us; but only those who have taken part in our deliberations can appreciate the deep sense of brotherhood, the firm union with each other, and the hearty loyalty to our beloved Methodism, with which our numerous assembly has been animated. And when we consider at once the extent of our Connexion, and the vigour of the attempts made to shake our mutual confidence, we cannot witness our present union, without recognising, with lowly gratitude, the good hand of our God upon us. We cannot believe that any power less than that of an overruling Providence could have saved us from serious alienations. Such have not occurred; and though we have had individual cases which have caused us grief and difficulty, we have a firmer assurance than ever that our heart is as one heart; and we set forth anew on our course, joyful in the prosperity of our Circuits, joyful in our mutual love, and full of humble hope that we shall prosecute the labours of this year amid increased peace, and with growing success.

We rejoice that you have proved anew that, when judiciously conducted, street-preaching may be practised with good effects, even among your population, where the violence of Romish prejudice naturally excites strong hostility. To this and to other similar efforts our Fathers owed, both among you and us, much of their success; and to this they were indebted for much of their persecution. We have entered into their labours; yet beyond what may be called the Christian pale, lies in both countries an immense population to whose ears scarcely any means exist of carrying the Gospel, unless we expose ourselves to the dangers and disgraces which they counted honour. And we would deeply ponder the call which the existence of such multitudes presents, to betake ourselves with fresh purpose to any labours or perils that offer us the hope of winning souls.

You will perceive with pleasure that the steps which we have of late years taken to further the godly training of our youth, have already reached a point of cheering encouragement. Both our week-day schools and our catechumen-classes are promising to become, by the blessing of God, means of *extensive benefit* to the youth of this country. We mark *with pleasure your* notice of this latter movement, as applied

[illegible] your country; and congratulate you that already you have organized catechumen-classes in several of your Circuits, and are cherishing the resolution to direct increased attention to this duty during the present year. Although a great number of these classes has not been made amongst us for a recent period, it is gratifying that already those under the care of lay Catechists include fifteen thousand catechumens, while six thousand more are in classes of which Ministers have the charge. We are assured that you do not need to have pointed out by us the important place which such an agency may be made to hold, especially in the edification of a church where, as in your case, it has to contend against an abundant Popery, and to seek, from among the disciples of that system, converts to the faith of Christ. We shall ever learn with much interest your progress in this, as in every branch of your evangelical labours.

We have seen with satisfaction, as we ever do, your Representatives in the midst of us, welcoming them with the cordiality due to their personal excellence, and with the respect and love due to you and your faithful people, to whom, through them, we offered the salutations of a most endeared fraternity. Their stay with us this year has happily not been interrupted as it so painfully was last year: their own land has been in peace, and they have been enabled to afford us throughout our sittings the gratification of their presence. It has been pleasing also to see, in addition to your honoured Representatives, a beloved brother representing our Canadian Conference, under the care of which are now to be found so many who received from you the first principles of the doctrine of Christ. We thus see, not only Methodism in the United Kingdom, but Methodism in the eastern and in the western hemisphere, meeting on one basis, interchanging the tokens of mutual love, and resolving anew to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Nor do we doubt that our great and glorious Master yet reserves for us blessed days of vigour and of growth. The work in which our Fathers laboured, and into whose labours we have had the privilege to enter, is not yet fully performed. Scripture holiness is not yet spread throughout the land. Our Lord has yet many rights to enforce; our fellow country-men in the United Kingdom have many wounds to be healed. That we are worthy to carry on the work of

God to completion, we do not dare to say: He, our Master and our Judge, knows that our unfaithfulness and demerit are great; and did we look only on these, our hope of future triumph must fail. But deeply feeling, and before God and his Church confessing, our manifold unworthiness, we do at the same time delightfully prove that by His presence in our assemblies, by His unction shed on our feeble ministrations, by His blessing on so many of our Circuits, by His maintenance amid trial of our blessed unity, and by His granting to us so hopeful a succession of labourers, He does testify that in the midst of us His mercy delights to dwell, and that by our hands He will yet convey the word of salvation to multitudes of sinful men. Solemnly, and with self-distrust, but with a confidence all the firmer for being cautious, we turn our faces towards that great world which lieth in wickedness, and in the name of our Almighty Lord, resolve that it shall surrender to the Cross. We need not say that it is in nowise in our heart to expect that the work of God shall be done by Methodist labourers alone: but our past history lays us under the necessity of feeling that fire and strength with us will kindle and impel all our sister churches. Never let us lose our blessed privilege of provoking to good works all who are with us in the same field: rather let us suffer from their emulation, than be at ease with them in mutual langour. Such are the feelings we would devoutly stir up in our own hearts; and in these we know well you will sympathize with all the "faith and love" which you habitually manifest.

We are sincerely gratified to learn that your people are purposing to relieve you, to some extent, from that weight of privation under which you have so generally been obliged to prosecute your manifold labours. Wherever this good work is carried into effect, we cannot doubt that He who ever gives his blessing to those who do his will, will grant to your people tokens of his gracious approval.

To attend your next Conference, we have appointed our beloved President, Secretary, and Ex-President. These venerated brethren you already know, and we are assured you will receive them with that cordiality which is so habitual to you, and of which our brethren who visit you ever bring back a *lively and grateful* remembrance. In the list of our Missionary *Deputations* are included the following arrangements:—

For the North of Ireland, the Revs. Robert S. Healy and William Allen, 1st; for the South, the Revs. John Battersby and John W. Thomas; and for the West, the Rev. I. Crowther.

And now, Brethren, dearly beloved, to the tenderest care of our adorable Lord do we commend you and your flocks. May you and they prove continually that His presence is in the midst of you! And may the year on which you have now entered be crowned with spiritual blessings above all that through which you have hitherto passed! And for your further and richer encouragement, forget not, that while to the *ministry in succession* the labour is unceasing till the work is done, and the whole earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord; yet the work of the personal labourers is limited to the brief period of their own lives, an eternity of blessed repose coming after a few years of faithful toil. Our Fathers have been taken from our view; but they still exist. They departed hence in the Lord, and, being delivered from the burden of the flesh, they now rest with Christ in joy and felicity. And you, too, living in the Lord, shall, ere long, die in Him, and rest from your labours. Go on, Beloved brethren, rejoicing in the hope not only of present success, but of that future and eternal reward which the mercy of our God shall bestow on his faithful servants through the infinite merits of his Son, our Lord and Saviour.

"On faith's strong eagle-pinions rise,
And force your passage to the skies,
And scale the mount of God."

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

ISAAC KEELING,
JOHN FARRAR,
WILLIAM BARTON, } *Sub-Secretaries.*

Manchester, August 11th, 1849.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

TO THE MEMBERS

OF THE

METHODIST SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

As God in His divine providence has made us "pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ," we, in accordance with our annual custom, embrace the opportunity "to stir you up, by putting you in remembrance" of the things which belong unto your peace, that you may "know them, and be established in the truth." "For now we live if ye stand fast in the Lord. God is our record how greatly we long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ: and this we pray that your love may abound yet more and more, in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; and that ye may be sincere, and without offence, till the day of Christ."

We commenced our Conference on the morning of Wednesday, the 26th of June, by a public prayer-meeting, which was numerously attended. Our devout confessions and contrition before God, with earnest thanksgivings for the manifold mercies of the year preceding, and fervent supplications for Divine guidance and aid, which were then presented at "the throne of grace," were accompanied with a peculiar unction from heaven, giving assurance, not only that "they *that wait upon* the Lord shall renew their strength," but *that the Lord* our God is still with us as your ministers, and

with you as His people; and that if we "seek Him, He will be found of us."

We were much cheered to find that the special grace of God has so aided our beloved President—the Rev. Thomas Jackson—during the toils and cares of the past year, as to enable him to appear among us with his bodily health unimpaired, and his mind retaining its accustomed vigour; and were greatly benefitted in all our deliberations by his wise and pious counsels, as well as stimulated in our holy warfare by his eminently Christian spirit and godly example.

We were also again made glad by the presence of our long-tried and highly venerated friend the Rev Dr. Newton, and his companion the Rev. Dr. Hannah, the Secretary of the British Conference. The counsels of these distinguished ministers of Christ were both opportune and serviceable; and their enlightened and powerful public ministrations were attended by crowded audiences, and accompanied by "the blessing of the Lord."

During the year six of our esteemed fathers and brethren have been called to their reward. One was wasted by consumption, when only in the fifth year of his itinerancy; another was

"Broken by sickness in a day;"

and the remaining four had been for a considerable period on the Supernumerary list; but all "died in the Lord." Three others now retire from the active work: one of them—the Rev. William Stewart—has been engaged in our regular ministry for the long period of *fifty years*, during which he has enjoyed the highest confidence of the Conference, and usefully occupied our most important stations; and now, when increasing infirmities have compelled him to relinquish his more laborious duties, he is accompanied by our earnest prayers and best wishes for his future safety, and his eternal welfare. But God who, in primitive times, "gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists," and with whom is "the residue of the Spirit," continues to supply others to occupy the ranks vacated by the departed dead. Five young men who had undergone the usual examinations, and were recommended by their respective district meetings, were received on trial by the Conference; and six more, who

had creditably fulfilled their probationary course, were publicly set apart to the office of the Christian pastorate. The charge delivered to them by the President on the solemn occasion was luminous and impressive, and the whole service was "a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

Wesleyan Methodism, beloved brethren, is in every part of the world, essentially *one*—one in *doctrine*, one in *discipline*, one in its *institutions* and *order*, and one in the *modes* adopted to extend and establish the kingdom of our glorious Redeemer; "we are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." It therefore follows that all the members of this one body "should have the same care one for another;" because if "one member suffer, all the members suffer with it," and if "one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." In this spirit of Christian oneness, dear brethren, we ask you to rejoice with us, on account of the signal prosperity which the Great Head of the Church has vouchsafed to our beloved community in Great Britain, and the Foreign Mission Stations. The enemies of our Zion have risen up against us: but He that built his Church upon a rock, and appointed salvation for walls and bulwarks, has been a present help in our time of trouble, and shielded us from those who sought our overthrow, saying, "*Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it!*" It is a remarkable fact that, *in the past year*, our United Societies have received an increase of *ten thousand members* in Great Britain alone, and above *five thousand more* have, in the same period, been added in our Missionary churches. "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes!"

While, however, we have such manifest tokens of the Divine favour, and are, therefore, "glad in the Lord," it behoveth us to "rejoice with trembling:" especially when we call to mind that, as in the times of the Apostles, even so now, "of our ownselves men have arisen speaking perverse things." Permit us, dear brethren, earnestly to urge upon you the necessity of avoiding their injurious example. Carefully abstain from all evil surmisings, strife, and contention; and sedulously cultivate that "charity which thinketh no evil." "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and *evil speaking*, be put away from you, with all malice: and *be ye kind one* to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one ano-

[illegible] even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." "Avoid not with them that are given to change." "Take care to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." And, that you may do this more effectually, consider the direction of the Apostle, given in language which eminently claims our attention. "Now, I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences, contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned: and avoid them." Partakers of their spirit. Adopt not their maxims. Walk not in their ways: but "walk in love, as Christ also hath loved you, and hath given himself for you an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour."

None of the means of grace should ever be disregarded, as they are the ordinances of God appointed and intended to be channels conveying heavenly influences to men. Never forget that the holy Sabbath is of Divine institution, and therefore perpetual in its obligation: "Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy." "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Our Class-meetings, also, have always been of great spiritual advantage to those of our beloved people who have delighted in "the communion of saints;" while neglect of this means of grace has too frequently been succeeded by a total departure from God. But in particular let the Scriptures of truth be the subject of your daily and devout meditation. Is not the Bible God's own word, given to us for our instruction and comfort? And is not that "word for ever settled in heaven?" Is that word, as we thankfully believe and acknowledge, of sole and sufficient authority in all things pertaining to man's salvation? Is it the instrument of our regeneration, and the aliment of our subsequent spiritual growth? Is it the word which God's people in all ages have regarded with intense esteem? And shall not we delight in it? Read that word with regular and devout attention. Prize the exposition and application of it, whether from the pulpit, or in the course of more private instruction. Seize opportunities of conversing upon it in seasons of friendly intercourse. "These words," said the Lord to Israel, "which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in *thy* house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou *liest* down, and when thou risest up." Mix faith with all

t you read and hear. When you raise your hearts to God ejaculatory prayer,—when you retire into your closets, and y to your Father who is in secret,—when you assemble nd your domestic altars at the hours of the morning and ening sacrifice,—when you engage in your social devotions, or when you unite in the offices and acts of prayer and raise with the great congregation, let it be your aim and ffort that your faith in our Lord's atonement and intercession may be increased, and "come unto God by Him." When you join in meetings for prayer and Christian fellowship; when you commemorate our Lord's death in the Holy Supper; when you occupy yourselves in the other ordinances of the Lord's sanctuary, let it be your object to maintain a simple and sincere faith, a child-like trust, and resignation of yourselves into the hands of your God and Saviour. "I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me."

It is to us matter of sincere regret that we are again obliged to report a decrease in the number of members in our societies. This, however, though painful, is not to us a subject of surprise; for, as the social evils by which our afflicted country has been so long and so painfully affected, are not yet removed, many of our beloved people, and their families, urged either by their fears or their circumstances, continue to seek an asylum or means of support in distant lands. In addition to losses sustained by various other causes, about *eleven hundred* of those who were in church-membership with us have, during the year, emigrated to other countries. We are persuaded that the greater part of these are not lost to the Church of God; their light will shine in other regions, where, we doubt not, they will be a means of blessing, and instrumental in spreading over a wider extent the knowledge of the Lord. But, in the meantime, their removal from us causes our ranks to be thinned, narrows our sphere for useful labour, and compels us to appear in the field of our holy warfare with apparently weakened forces. Yet our trust shall be in the name of the Lord, who hath founded Zion, and who will continue to establish and make it a praise in our land. "The vision is for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not *lie: though it tarry* wait for it; because it will surely come, *it will not tarry.*" "Weeping may endure for a night, but

joy cometh in the morning." Is it not written, "It shall come to pass that at evening-time it shall be light?"

But, beloved brethren, let us never forget that, while numbers are removed from us to distant lands, many remain within the circle of our influence, who are more or less attached to our forms of worship, but have not yet availed themselves of the privilege of church-membership. They hope for admission to the family of God in heaven, though they forego the blessedness of union with His family on earth. Let us warn them of their loss and danger; remind them that communion is the visible token of love to our Master, and those who bear His image: and endeavour to persuade them to go with us, and we will do them good; because God hath spoken good concerning his people—"Ye are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

We are aware, brethren, that many of you have been placed in circumstances of perplexity, affliction, bereavement and care; but "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. Cast not away, therefore, your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward." The Lord knoweth the way that you take; when He hath tried you, you shall come forth as gold. "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. Blessed is the man that *endureth* temptation, for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." The Holy Ghost is pre-eminently "the Comforter whom the Father hath sent in the name of Christ;" He is "the God of patience and consolation," and "ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Grieve Him not, then, either by murmuring or negligence. Remember He is the Spirit of Promise, and by Him "you are sealed unto the day of redemption."

You will rejoice to hear that, during the present Conference, our hearts have been cheered with the tokens of Divine regard; and now we repair to our several spheres of labour determined not to be "afraid or dismayed, but to be strong and of a good courage," firmly persuaded that God can "make our way prosperous, and give us good success."

at as we are more than ever convinced that without the pirit from on high, "nothing is wise, or holy, or strong," e earnestly intreat you to unite with us in imploring of the od and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, a more copious fusion of the Holy Ghost. Let us seek for this in all the pointed means of grace, both public and private; and, as who seek shall find, may we, "beloved brethren, be sted- t and immoveable, always abounding in the work of the rd, forasmuch as we know that our labour is not in vain the Lord!"

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN F. MATHEWS, SECRETARY.

Dublin, July 4, 1850.

AN ALPHEBETICAL LIST

OF

THE WESLEYAN MINISTERS,

AND

PREACHERS ON TRIAL, IN IRELAND.

☞ The figures before the names show the year in which each commenced his Itinerant Ministry, and those after, the number of successive annual appointments he has had to his present Circuit.

		Yrs.
1834	Appelbe, W. P., Dublin North,	1
1816	Armstrong, J., Donaghadee,	2
1805	Armstrong, William, *Super.* Lisburn.	
1838	Atkins, John H. Ballina,	2
1841	Bagley, John, Boyle,	2
1847	Baker, Thomas W., Magherafelt,	1
1818	Ballard, Thomas, Belfast, South,	1
1831	Bamford, Robert, Newtownbarry,	3
1834	Banks, Edward M., Wexford,	1
1792	Banks, Robert, *Super.* Carlow.	
1846	Bass, James, Coleraine,	1
1832	Bayly, Benj., Belfast, North,	1
1845	Beale, H. M. Tandragee,	1
1833	Beamish, Thos. *Super.* Dublin South.	
1824	Beauchamp, Robert, Carrickfergus,	2
1842	Bell, Robt. Ballyshannon,	1
1848	Best, Edward, Armagh,	1
1837	Black, James, Clones,	2
1836	Black, Robert, Kinsale,	1
1839	Browne, William, Enniskillen,	1
1810	Bruce, R., Skibbereen,	1
1830	Burnside, Wm., Lucan,	1
1809	Burrowa, George, *Super.* Kingstown.	
1805	Burrows, Mich., *Super.* Dublin North.	
1812	Campbell, John, *Super.* Belfast South.	
1845	Campbell, Robt. Donegal,	1
1831	Campbell, William G. Lowtherstown,	2
1848	Carey, Jas., Tipperary,	1
1810	Carey, John, Drogheda,	2
1818	Carson, Robert, *Super.* Omagh.	
1841	Cather, R. G. Lurgan,	2
1829	Cather, W., Drogheda,	3
1848	Chambers, G. Kilkenny,	1
1848	Christie, William, Strabane,	1
1796	Clendinnen, J., *Super.* Bideford, England.	
1810	Cobain, Edward, *Super.* Donaghadee.	
1843	Collier, James, Portadown,	2

		Yrs.
1819	Collier, Robert, Downpatrick,	1
1832	Cowdy, Samuel, Brookborough,	2
1814	Cornwall, William, *Super.* Galway.	
1804	Crook, William, Tullamoore,	2
1848	Crook, William, jun., Roscrea,	2
1793	Crozier, Robert, *Super.* Enniskillen.	
1799	Deery, Henry, *Super.* Dublin North.	
1840	Devers, Robert A. Moira, &c.	3
1837	Donald, James, Castleblayney,	1
1838	Donald, John, Limerick,	2
1796	Douglas, Wm., *Super.* Lowtherstown.	
1808	Downing, Sam. *Super.* Belfast North.	
1840	Duncan, John, Dublin North,	1
1848	Dwyer, John, Londonderry,	1
1843	Elliott, Fred., Manorhamilton,	1
1821	Feely, John, Ballymena,	1
1846	Ferguson, Samuel, Nenagh, &c.,	1
1790	Ferguson, Wm., *Super.* Dublin South.	
1810	Finlay, William, *Super.* Strabane.	
1833	Foster, John, Tandragee	1
1843	Foster, Thomas, Cavan,	2
1832	Geddes, Henry, Galway,	1
1840	Gilbert, John, Castleblayney,	1
1850	Gilcriest, John, Brookborough,	1
1834	Giles, Henry J., Wicklow,	1
1823	Gillman, Jas. B., *Super.* Queenstown.	
1846	Grant, Charles L., Lisburn,	1
1826	Greer, John, Cork,	1
1836	Hamilton, Robt., Cootehill,	1
1810	Harman, Joshua, *Super.* Cork.	
1828	Harpur, Edwd. Newry,	2
1826	Harrington, John, *Super.* Fermoy.	
1809	Hazelton, Edw. *Super.* Dungannon.	
1844	Hazelton, John, Wicklow,	1
1850	Hazelton, Robert, Dungannon,	1
1841	Henderson, A.M. Cork,	1
1826	Henry, Jas., Youghal,	1
1838	Hewitt, Robert, Ballyclare,	3
1835	Hickey, Thomas, Ballinasloe,	2
1842	Higgins, J. Donaghadee,	3
1815	Hill, John, Castlebar,	2
1822	Hobart, N. Killesandra,	2
1831	Hoey, Wm., 1st, Lowtherstown,	1
1840	Hoey, Wm., 2nd, Dungannon,	3
1820	Holmes, J., Waterford,	1
1830	Hughes, James, Aughnacloy,	3
1835	Hughes, John, Kerry,	1
1829	Huston, Robert, Dublin North,	1
1845	Hutchison, Jas., Dublin South,	1
1815	Jebb, John, Magherafelt,	1
1809	Johnston, Edward, 1st, *Super.* Belfast South.	
1845	Johnston, Edward, 2nd, Newtownbarry,	2
1808	Johnston, James, *Super.* Portadown.	
1846	Johnston, Joseph, Manorhamilton,	1
1849	Johnston, Robt. Ballina,	1

		Yrs.
1847	Johnston, Saml. Cootehill,	1
1840	Jones, Robt. G. Waterford,	3
1806	Keys, W. *Super.* Longford.	
1806	Kyle, Samuel, *Super.* Pettigo.	
1844	Lebert, W. B. Donegal,	2
1825	Le Maitre, F.P. Fermoy,	1
1834	Liddy, John, Moira, &c.	1
1827	Lindsay, Robert H., Strabane,	3
1846	Long, Mortlock, Skibbereen,	2
1844	Lough, Wm., Athlone,	1
1828	Lupton, Wm., Belfast North,	2
1808	Lynch, James, *Super.* Tandragee.	
1827	M'Afee, Daniel, Dublin South,	2
1807	M'Cormick, C., *Super.* Ballina.	
1802	M'Cutcheon, J. *Super.* Omagh.	
1808	M'Dowell, Saml. *Super.* Donaghadee.	
1801	M'Elwain, Geo. *Super.* Kingstown.	
1836	M'Garvey, Wm. Downpatrick,	3
1848	M'Kay, Colin, Carlow,	1
1840	M'Kay, Joseph W. Dublin South,	1
1850	M'Kee, Thos. A. Newry,	1
1845	M'Lorinan, Thomas, Berehaven Mines,	2
1838	M'Millen, Gibson, Londonderry,	2
1841	M'Mullen, Wallace, Coleraine,	1
1847	Magee, Geo. Wexford,	1
1812	Masaroon, Robt. Kingstown,	3
1818	Mathews, John F. Portadown,	1
1846	Maxwell, Rich., Maryborough,	1
1828	Meredith, Thomas, Limerick,	1
1837	Meyer, Robt. J., Omagh,	1
1835	Moore, Hugh, Lurgan,	1
1844	Morrow, Francis, Rathmelton,	1
1829	Mulloy, Wm., Longford,	3
1833	Murdock, Jas., Cloughjordan,	2
1824	Nash, John, Carrickfergus,	2
1809	Nelson, John, Maryborough,	2
1801	Nesbitt, John, *Super.* Enniskillen.	
1810	Noble, Arthur, *Super.* Dublin North.	
1841	Oliver, John, Belfast South,	1
1824	Patterson, James, Enniskillen,	1
1850	Pearson, Thos., Omagh,	1
1850	Porter, John Reid, Ballyshannon, &c.	1
1823	Price, Henry, Bandon,	1
1810	Reilly, Wm., Carlow,	1
1789	Ridgeway, Thos. *Super.* Belfast North.	
1848	Robinson, John H., Belmullet, &c.,	1
1803	Rogers, John, *Super.* Cloughjordan.	
1826	Saul, John, Tullamoore,	2
1835	Scott, Robinson, Dublin South.	
1849	Shaw, James, Lucan,	1
1814	Stephens, Francis, Kilrush,	3
1845	Stephens, Fred. Bandon,	1
1800	Stewart, William, *Sup.* Dublin South.	
1843	Storey, J. C., Killesandra,	1
1824	Sullivan, J. Nenagh,	2
1829	Tobias, James, Sligo,	2

		Yrs.
7	Tracy, R. T. Armagh,	2
5	Twiss, A., Clones,	1
5	Vance, G., Sligo,	1
6	Wallace, R., Lisburn,	1
8	Walker, John, Kilkenny,	3
0	Waugh, J. S., *Super.* Dublin South.	
1808	Waugh, John, *Super.* Dublin South.	
1808	Waugh, T., Bandon,	1
1837	Whitaker, T. K., Longford,	1
1832	Wilson, Jer., Newtownlimavaddy,	2
1828	Williams, J., Roscrea,	1

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